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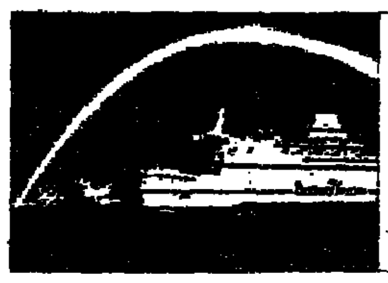

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Fast trials plan in civil law shake-up

Woolf: judges would be trial managers

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A REVOLUTIONARY fast-track court for civil disputes of up to £10,000 is one of the key proposals to be unveiled today as part of the the biggest shake-up of civil courts for more than a century.

The new court, which would handle thousands of ordinary disputes involving up to £10,000, would have a fixed three-hour hearing and legal costs would be capped. The idea of taking courts to people in rural areas through mobile hearings and evening or weekend courts is also to be examined. The reforms are part of an overhaul of civil justice to be outlined by Lord Woolf, the law lord, aimed at making it easier, quicker and cheaper for people to pursue their disputes.

The shake-up proposes new professional obligations on lawyers to explain to clients how their charges for litigation are calculated; what the final bill might be and to give warning if it will be exceeded.

It also envisages a new post of Head of Civil Justice — to be filled by a senior judge — at the top of a new streamlined civil justice system. Judges will become "trial managers", dictating the pace of cases and imposing timetables. Such a post would "raise the status of civil justice, enabling it to be run as a single system" and ensuring "the effective use of resources," according to a summary of the report leaked to *The Times*. The reforms, the result of two years' work, are contained in a 250-page report, with 124 recommendations.

The report is expected to find favour with the legal profession. The Bar, which had initially expressed opposition to some of the ideas, is likely now to welcome the proposals, which include Bar ideas for case management by judges and for raising the small claims limit. The Bar was also concerned about a shift away from the traditional emphasis on speeches in court and towards paper submissions.

However, Lord Woolf says in the report: "I do not propose that we should abolish our adversarial oral tradition in England and Wales in favour of an inquisitorial system. The approach I am advocating is to preserve the best features of the present adversarial system while giving a more interventionist management role to the courts."

There will be a a one-door entry for all civil claims leading to four tracks, depending on the weight and complexity of cases and a single set of rules. Under the key proposal for a track system, trials would take place within 20 to 30 weeks and the hearing limited to three hours, with no oral evidence from expert witnesses. Many other smaller claims will go through into a new, expanded small claims court where people will be able to pursue claims of up to £3,000.

People who want to pursue their own claims without the help of lawyers will receive greater assistance than now, but those who behave unreasonably will face cost penalties. Judges will be encouraged to help them present their cases; computer telephone kiosks providing information are proposed for testing in some court centres and the rules for civil disputes would be simplified. More advice agencies at courts are recommended.

Lord Woolf wants much more use of technology. Judges would be provided with personal computers and video and telephone conference facilities should be piloted and brought in "as a priority" to assist judges.

In his summary, Lord Woolf identifies the present system as too unequal — with an imbalance between the powerful and wealthy and the poorer litigant; too expensive, uncertain, too slow and too complex. It is also "too fragmented", with no one person in charge; and too adversarial, with the rules of court "too often ignored by the parties and not enforced by the court".

Under what Lord Woolf calls a "new approach", judges will decide what procedure is suitable for each case, set timetables and ensure these are complied with. Teams of judges will manage cases involving more than £10,000 in a new multi-track system, with cases directed to the right track. For more complex cases there will be a case management conference after the defence is filed and a pre-trial review.

Major faces protest from Kohl over oil platform

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MICHAEL BINYON IN HALIFAX

JOHN MAJOR last night flew into an embarrassing dispute with his strongest European ally as Helmut Kohl publicly protested to him over plans to dump the Brent Spar oil platform in the Atlantic.

The Prime Minister, who left London amid fresh speculation about a challenge to his Tory party leadership in the autumn, arrived here for the G7 summit determined to defend the decision by Shell to sink the platform off the western Isles of Scotland.

The German Chancellor and Theo Waigel, his Finance Minister, both warned Britain on their arrival of the serious ecological damage this would cause. British officials were trying to play down the rift last night, but a disagreement with a leader whose support Mr Major needs in the crucial forthcoming discussions on the future of Europe seemed inevitable.

The case has caused uproar in Germany, where a massive boycott of Shell has led to a 20 per cent fall in sales. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, warned Britain that it was abusing the seas around Europe as a waste dump.

Mr Major arrived to defend Shell's decision as the most practicable option available. British officials denied that the company had breached the United Kingdom's international commitments on the environment. However, the issue comes only a week after a bitter dispute between Britain and its North Sea partners over accusations that it was continuing to act as the dirty man of Europe and refusing to join others in new plans to limit pollution.

The dispute was one of several environmental and other issues that threaten to split world leaders at their three-day gathering. France's insistence on resuming nuclear testing at the Mururoa atoll has angered Japan and drawn criticism from Washington. President Clinton is locked in a bitter dispute with Tokyo over punitive American tariffs on Japanese cars; and news of the Bosnian Government's offensive to break the siege of Sarajevo has thrown the G7's hopes of relaunching the diplomatic negotiations into disarray.

The disputes threaten to overshadow likely summit agreements on a reform of world financial institutions: plans for emergency financing arrangements to prevent a repetition of the Mexico debacle, and debt relief for the poorer countries of the third world.

Mr Major saw Herr Kohl last night at the opening working dinner, but they were planning a later meeting which will be dominated by the Brent Spar dispute. Shell's plans have united all German political parties in condemning the company and the Government for what the vast majority of Germans see as reckless gambling with the already threatened ecology of the North Sea.

"These spectacular new forms of pollution are a setback for all the efforts to protect our seas," Herr Kinkel told the mass-circulation *Bild* newspaper. He added: "Germany spends a lot of money to do its bit to protect the North Sea — other shoreline states must also do their duty. The sea must not be abused as a waste dump."

Herr Kohl, referring to the boycott of Shell in Germany, said on arrival in Halifax: "If I were a company, I would not do anything which would hurt my business." His criticism has been echoed by environmentalists, churches and politicians throughout Germany. Rudolf Scharping, the opposition Social Democratic leader, called the dumping "highly dubious". Shell's German branch has called the boycott unfair, and says it cannot do anything about the actions of its British sister company.

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TONY WHITE

Souness and his wife Karen after the verdict. "I just want to go home," he said

Souness's £750,000 win

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

GRAEME SOUNESS, the former Liverpool manager, was awarded £750,000 damages yesterday over a newspaper article in which his ex-wife called him a tight-fisted "dirty rat".

The libel award is the fourth highest given in this country. With costs, Mirror Group Newspapers, owners of *The People*, which published the article, will face a bill of more than £1 million.

A Mirror Group spokesman said they would appeal against what he called the flawed summing up of judge Mr Justice Morland. The judge ordered the group to pay Mr Souness £250,000 immediately but placed a stay on £500,000 pending the outcome of the appeal.

Mr Souness smiled and hugged his wife Karen, who had broken down in tears as the jury of ten men and two women returned a unanimous verdict in less than two hours.

Outside court Mr Souness, who is about join the Turkish club Galatasaray as a coach, said he was delighted with the result. "It has been an enormous strain both for me and my wife and for everyone close to me. I just want to go home and get on with my life."

However, it emerged during the trial that he could be the subject of investigation after his ex-wife Danielle claimed he had had aken cash "bungs" in transfer dealings involving international players.

Mr Justice Morland ruled the jury should not hear allegations that that he had taken £30,000 over the transfer of Israeli international Avi Cohen and a £20,000 fee for Gary Steven's move to Rangers.

The court was told that details have been passed on to the Inland Revenue special investigations branch.

After the hearing, Martin Cruddage, the solicitor for Mirror Group, said that the verdict was not to be seen as a reflection on Danielle Souness.

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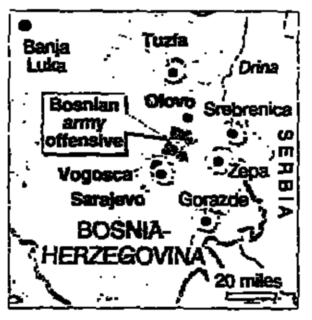
Serbs pushed back as Muslims launch attack

BY ANTHONY LOYD
IN MALA KOKOSKA
AND MICHAEL EVANS



THE Bosnian Government launched an offensive north of Sarajevo yesterday involving thousands of infantry backed by Croat artillery. The Serbs were forced to move their gun positions back three or four miles as the largely Muslim army advanced towards a key Serb-controlled road at the start of what could be a decisive battle for the city.

"Its the start of something major," Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, a United Nations spokesman, said of the fighting that broke out in an area where thousands of Bosnian soldiers have been massing for some time leading to speculation they would try to break the 38-month Serb siege of Sarajevo.

The streets of the Bosnian capital emptied as the city went on alert in anticipation of fierce fighting in the streets. Shops and businesses closed. The few people moving in Sarajevo were soldiers in buses or civilians hurriedly filling water cannisters.

The struggle began before dawn along confrontation frontlines stretching from government-held Olovo north of Sarajevo down to the Visoko-Breza area where the Muslim troop build-up began several days ago, 12 miles northwest of the capital.

The biggest attack by government forces since the war began appeared to be aimed initially at seizing Route Python, a road that runs from Vogosca on the confrontation line north of Sarajevo to Olovo and towards the Muslim stronghold of Tuzla. Around Sarajevo up to Olovo, this communications route is controlled by the Serbs but then it switches to Bosnian Government control.

According to UN sources, the focus of the offensive was along the Cemerska Planina range of mountains in a southeasterly direction towards the Lipe hills which overlook Route Python and the confrontation line close to the road.

Last night government officials in Sarajevo seemed to be pleased with the result of the first day of what could become an extended battle for the access routes into Sarajevo. UN sources said the army had taken ground and driven back the Serbs.

In Pale, Miroslav Toholj, the Bosnian Serb "minister of information" said the attack began at 4am local time in the direction of Ilijas, Hadzici and Ilidza. UN sources confirmed that a smaller attack had been launched to the west of Sarajevo at Serb-held Hadzici near where the Serbs have 31 heavy weapons at a UN weapons collection point. Bosnian Serb radio said five people were killed in a shelling attack on the town.

The Bosnian authorities declared a nationwide alert yesterday morning and shut the only road into the city.

A Lynx helicopter manned by three British soldiers was hit by small arms fire near Mostar yesterday. There were no casualties.

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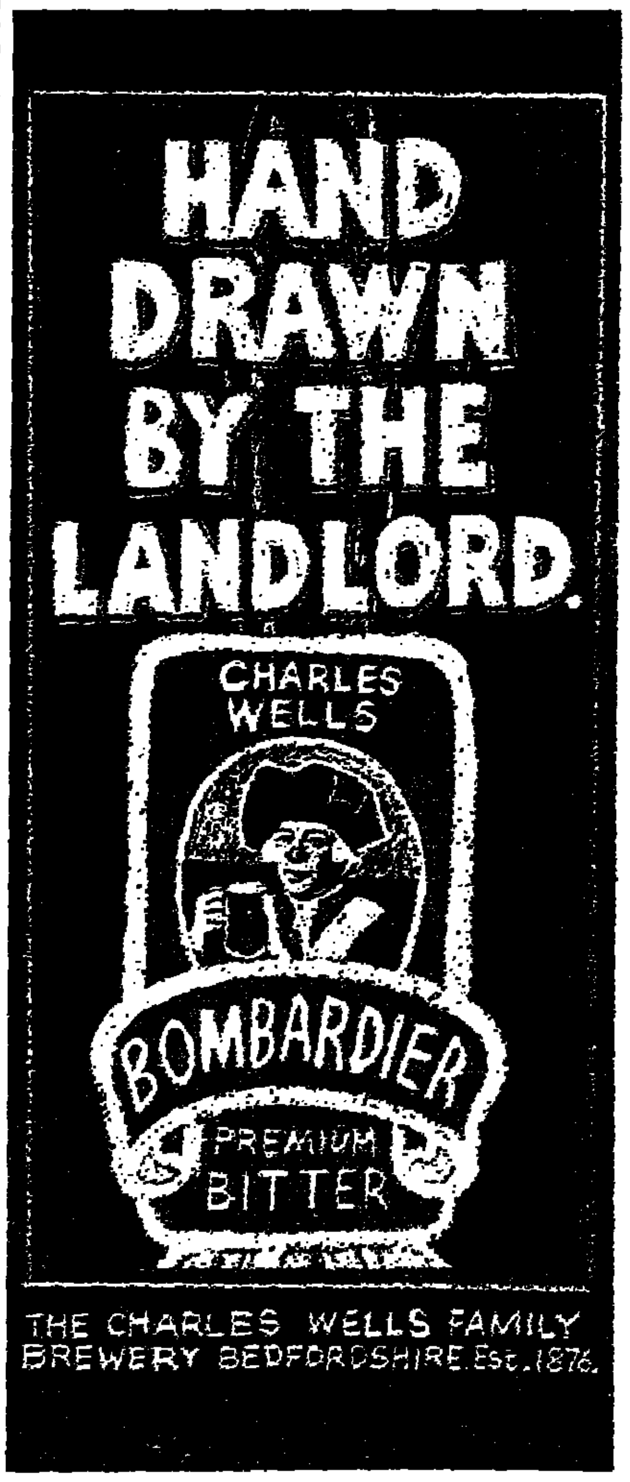
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Teachers accused of cheating in test papers

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

GOVERNMENT advisers are investigating allegations of cheating in last month's first national tests for 11-year-olds, it was disclosed today. Rival schools have made formal complaints in a new atmosphere of competition at primary level.

Schools have been accused of setting test questions as homework, writing answers on classroom blackboards and giving pupils extra time to complete papers. Five cases are being examined by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and at least a dozen more have been reported.

Inspectors visiting primary schools have picked up rumours of widespread cheating, *The Times Educational Supplement* reports today.

Although the number of complaints is low, officials are anxious to scotch suggestions of malpractice before the tests' credibility is undermined.

The tests were taken in school classrooms without external surpervision and the papers were available in advance.

Nicholas Tate, the authority's chief executive, said the allegations were being taken seriously, but he would be "very surprised and very concerned" if there had been any malpractice.

However, in a joint article published by *The TES*, the staff of Moredon Junior School in Swindon, say that while they stuck rigidly to the guidelines they have examples from elsewhere of the test times being extended, homework questions including percentage calculations that appeared on a test paper, and a story title being issued in advance.

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Clarke makes inflation go with a bounce

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Gordon Brown is looking like a sort of political slow puncture. There are days when the Shadow Chancellor has the air not so much of sitting on the front bench, as of having been shipwrecked across it.

Beached, slumped, he reminds us of an inflatable landing craft with an air leak. The jaw sags: the prose sags. You *imagine the faint*, continuous hiss of escaping pressure.

The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has presented a total contrast in recent months. He is the very picture of pneumatic hype. One's only fear is that one afternoon there will be a fearful bang, and then a big gap on the Government front bench — bits of Hush Puppy and wrinkled suit splatted on to the rafters, as fragments of upbeat inflation tables and optimistic forecasts come floating down.

This week, the pressure seems to have been pumped up a notch further. Mr Clarke is behaving like a feral bouncy castle.

Yesterday he bounced with *such gleeful abandon all over* the punctured landing craft, that Tory Right and Tory Left momentarily forgot their quarrels and started to behave in a most unfamiliar way: like a political party.

There must by now be a whole generation in Britain which believes the Conservatives to be, instead, some kind of travelling punch-up. So the charge Clarke led yesterday was a novelty. "Gosh, this can be fun," you could sense surprised Tory MPs thinking: "Attacking the Opposition! *Why haven't we thought of* this before?"

For the better part of an hour, the Chancellor boxed at his Shadow's ears and jabbed him in the ribs, trying to goad him into combat. His strategy was simple: he just kept jeering at Mr Brown for failing (he claimed) to come up with serious economic policies of his own. We had, he said, "not the slightest indication" of Labour's spending plans. Clarke mocked Brown's "extended silence" on the right level for interest rates. "He *can't even reply to my letters.*"

The slow puncture looked grumpily up, but did not stir. The bouncy castle bounced over again. "He's a Shadow with no shadow ... He doesn't say what I suspect is true — that he agrees with the Government because he can't think of anything else to do ... He has lost his way." The Tories cheered. Brown sulked.

It was left to Labour's Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw) to achieve his party's best thrust. He had (he revealed) a copy of Tory backbenchers' briefing notes for these occasions: "suggested soundbites. I found it in a telephone box." Labour roared.

Clarke was undismayed. "I must have a similar sheet *distributed to members opposite*," he said, "so they can find some questions to ask. The Shadow Chancellor doesn't have a policy that's worth leaving on a piece of paper in a telephone box." Tory cheers grew.

Such was the adrenaline released that, minutes after Clarke had packed away his papers, something even more extraordinary happened: The Tories' Tony Newton (House Leader) attacked Labour's John Prescott.

Prescott (confidently tossing aside his cribsheet yesterday) kicked sand in Newton's face. Newton was standing in for the PM, away in Canada. Yet the air was thick with Tory plots, implied Prescott. Wasn't *it a bit risky for Mr Major to* leave the country at a time like this?

Newton blinked. Prescott, as Blair's deputy, was standing in for his Leader. "And why has your Right Hon friend taken the risk of letting *you* do it?" he snorted. It was as about as likely as Elvis Costello thumping Meatloaf.

'A challenge will happen in November'

Tory Right tells Major his time is running out

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR was facing fresh leadership turmoil last night after flying to Canada for a two-day world summit.

The Prime Minister left for Nova Scotia amid blunt warnings from his backbench Tory critics that the likelihood of a challenge to his position has grown since his bruising encounter with hardline Eurosceptics on Tuesday.

The Right, infuriated by Mr Major's dogged refusal to rule out British membership of a European single currency, led the attacks. But Tory MPs across the political spectrum conceded that support for him was ebbing away in the light of dismal poll ratings and what many regard as a severe tactical error in flirting with the Right but leaving them empty-handed.

Mr Major is understood to be well aware of how strong the threat to his position is, but he remains determined to see off his opponents. Tony Marlow and Bill Walker, two known critics of Mr Major, led the way last night.

Mr Marlow, MP for Northampton North, said: "We are entering the end-game. A challenge will happen in November." Mr Walker, MP for Tayside North, told BBC radio: "The possibility of a leadership challenge is real."

Rightwingers from among the 60 MPs who attended the Fresh Start meeting with Mr Major on Tuesday were privately scathing, saying that the clash had demonstrated how little respect Mr Major now commanded from his backbenchers. They predicted the formation of an alliance between the sceptics and MPs from the Centre and Left of the party who are fearful of losing their seats in a wipeout at the next election.

"This all hangs on the guys with majorities of 5,000-10,000. They have looked into the abyss and don't like what they see," one ex-minister said.

Senior Tories spoke of Tuesday's meeting as a turning point and said that with the Right losing all faith in Mr Major, it would opt for the "chaos" of an autumn challenge triggered by the collection of 33 names of dissident Tory MPs.

Michael Heseltine's name was on the lips of Tory MPs as the man to profit if Mr Major was pulled down. But loyalist Cabinet ministers — of which there are still many — said it would be madness for sceptics to replace Mr Major, who was fundamentally on their side, with a committed pro-European such as the President of the Board of Trade.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, voiced the Cabinet's anger at the constant feuding within the parliamentary party over Europe. He said that neither gimmicks nor "Right-wing xenophobia" would win an election for the Tories.

Mr Clarke also accused the sceptics or behaving "very badly" in barracking Mr Major at the Fresh Start meeting on Tuesday. Members of the 1922 executive meeting in private last night echoed his concerns but there was no public move by party elders to bring the sceptics to heel.

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Tory MP's guide to Blair ministers

Fishburn: advice to City

By Jill Sherman, political correspondent

A CONSERVATIVE MP has suggested that Tony Blair will win the next election and advised businessmen on which Labour MPs to cultivate.

Writing in a newsletter circulated to the business world, Dudley Fishburn, MP for Kensington, gave the names of five Labour MPs worth contacting and the telephone number of the party's Walworth Road headquarters. He suggested contacting Labour's finance director who, he said, would be happy to help, particularly if there was any prospect of a company donation.

Mr Fishburn advised businessmen to write to the Commons, enclosing an annual report. He suggested clients should contact: Alastair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, "Educated, intelligent, undoctrinaire"; Geoff Hoon, a Labour whip — "Just the kind of bright spark that any business would do well to bounce ideas off"; Andrew Smith, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury: "He makes up in sincerity and moderation what he lacks in verve. Most certainly part of a future Treasury team."; Peter Mandelson, a Labour whip and close ally of Tony Blair — "His is the intelligence behind much of Labour's new face — and he's not afraid of the occasional smart invitation."

The newsletter, entitled *Off the Record*, published by Fishburn Hedges, a PR consultancy half-owned by Mr Fishburn's brother Dale also advises contacting Mr Blair.

Mr Fishburn told BBC1 news last night: "As business wants to map its interests over the next generation, over the next ten years, it must make its number with those people who are on the front bench of the Labour Party."

Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman, defended Mr Fishburn: "He is writing in a non-doctrinaire, non-political way to give information," Mr Hanley told BBC Radio 4's *PM* programme. "He is not saying Labour will win. There is always an outside possibility."

MARTIN KEENE

The Princess of Wales arriving at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow yesterday during a 24-hour visit

Labour and Tory MPs accuse the BBC of bias

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

MPs from both sides of the House accused the BBC yesterday of political bias and insensitivity in its news coverage and drama programmes.

In a tense session of the Commons Heritage Select Committee, the Tory MP Partick McLoughlin said that John Birt, Director General of the BBC, had conspired and colluded with the Labour Party in its coverage of the Scott report into the arms for Iraq affair.

Mr McLoughlin wanted to know why the BBC had decided to broadcast sections of the draft Scott report on June 5, despite a request from Sir Richard Scott's office not to do so. He also asked why the corporation had decided to run a news item on the same day based on a leaked letter from the Prime Minister to Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, revealing that the Scott report would not be published until the autumn.

The timing of the two reports was an "extraordinary coincidence", Mr McLoughlin said.

Mr Birt said the BBC decided to broadcast the leaked draft, in which William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, was accused of giving MPs "untrue" information, because it was in the public interest. "Most media outlets would have made the same judgment," he said.

Mr Birt denied that the BBC had colluded with Labour over either news item. He added, however, that the corporation had delayed publishing the leaked draft report because Mr Waldegrave's father died on May 23. "We thought it would not be right to transmit it when the main individual concerned was experiencing personal grief."

For Labour, John Maxton, said that the BBC's decision to screen an interview with John Major on *Panorama* three days before the Scottish local elections demonstrated its disregard for Scottish interests.

Lawson rejects NHS attitude to abnormal

By Lucy Berrington

Domenica's parents, Dominic Lawson and his wife Rosa Monckton

DOMINIC LAWSON, the Editor of *The Spectator* who recently became the father of a child with Down's syndrome, yesterday condemned the medical regime that, he claims, conspires to prevent the birth of such children as his new daughter.

In his magazine, Mr Lawson describes the "dizzying mix of emotions" accompanying the birth of his third daughter, Domenica. But he denounces NHS policy of offering free abortions if antenatal tests reveal abnormalities as "state-sponsored annihilation of viable, sentient foetuses".

Domenica was born on June 1, he writes, with a shocked, empty look on her face." She was also completely blue and inert. Even after my own abject panic was alerted by hearing the first splutterings of a pair of tiny lungs, there remained in the room a faint but palatable tension."

Mr Lawson and Rosa Monckton, his wife, were told by a doctor that Domenica was a Down's syndrome child. "This came as an enormous relief. Since our second daughter, Natalia, had emerged last March too premature .even for the magic of modern medicine at 22 weeks' gestation, I had been morbidly anxious through the succeeding pregnancy."

He continues: "The consultant's 'Your daughter has Down's syndrome' sounded to me like 'This one will live'."

He also felt grief, he admits, at the thought of her life expectancy, and "at the thought that she will almost certainly not experience the joy of having children herself. But this grief always co-existed with the feeling of elation which accompanies birth. It is a dizzying mix of emotions, this combination of sadness and elation."

The NHS advises all mothers-to-be over 35 to undergo medical procedures, offering them abortion if there is a substantial risk of mental abnormalities. The policy, Mr Lawson writes, is "based on the utilitarian *idea that the* child will be so unhappy he or she would have been better off dead".

The screening process meant babies were sacrificed to the ideal of perfect children, Mr Lawson says. Both methods — chorionic villus sampling and amniocentesis — carried a higher chance of miscarriage than most older mothers had of delivering handicapped babies.

The abortions *automatically offered* to mothers of handicapped babies was morally little better than the starving to death of such children in China and the murder of the mentally retarded in Nazi Germany. "In this country the weeding-out process is done before birth, and only with the parents' consent. I do not think, however, that this constitutes a triumph for democracy," Mr Lawson says.

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Clarke plays down homeowners' deal

Kenneth Clarke and other senior ministers tried yesterday to lower expectations of a big package of measures designed to help homeowners. The Chancellor made clear that he would not sanction many of the ideas that had been floated in the press. He is also keen to discourage suggestions of extra spending at the beginning of this year's public expenditure round. The Downing Street Policy Unit is understood to be considering a number of options to stimulate the housing market.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4 Mr Clarke said he was always open to argument "but most of the special measures I keep reading about seem to me not likely to have any effect on the housing market". Tony Newton, Leader of the House, also appeared to play down any rescue package for homeowners. Standing in for Mr Major at Prime Minister's questions he said that conditions for homeowners suffering from negative equity were improving. Negative equity and repossessions were "very sharply down" since the 1991-92 peak and average mortgage payments had fallen by £150 a month since October 1990.

Aitken repeats denial

Jonathan Aitken, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told MPs for a second time yesterday that he did not know that the arms embargo against Iran was being broken by a company of which he was a non-executive director. He insisted that he did not have the "slightest indication" that arms manufactured by BMARC were headed for Iran in breach of Britain's arms embargo. He said fresh inquiries "will clear my name completely", but doubts were growing last night that the Commons inquiry into the affair would go ahead.

Call for smaller classes

Class sizes must be reduced to a maximum of 20 for the first two years of schooling, the independent National Commission on Education said yesterday. The policy would be financed partially by making students pay more for higher education. In a final report after a four-year inquiry, the commission criticised the Government's response to its £1.4 billion blueprint to revamp the education system. It said complacency towards education threatened to condemn Britain to decline as a "low wage, low skill economy".

Most expensive road

The Limehouse Link, a mile-long road tunnel from Wapping to Docklands in east London, cost £450 million, almost ten times its original estimate, making it the most expensive road in the country. Mismanagement of the project's early stages is blamed by the National Audit Office in a report published today. The tunnel cost the London Docklands Development Corporation £293.3 million to construct. The corporation incurred an extra £155.3 million acquiring land and rehousing 556 local families.

Chief Rabbi criticised

Jewish women campaigning for greater social freedoms have accused the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, of failing to act on women's issues. In today's *Jewish Chronicle*, the Jewish Women's Network claims that Rabbi Sacks is stalling over a decision on how women can participate more widely in religious and synagogal life and on reform of the divorce laws. They say nothing has been done to implement a wide-ranging review into the role of Orthodox women that was published a year ago.

Maxwell cash moved

Administrators of the Robert Maxwell Group pension funds were constantly in trouble trying to meet their commitments to pensioners because of the amount of money borrowed by the publishing tycoon's companies, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Gwyn Gittins, formerly an investment co-ordinator for Bishopsgate Investment Management which ran the pension funds, said it became "very, very difficult" for BIM to meet its commitments. Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian, deny fraud. The trial continues.

Whitehall shuns Internet

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, promised yesterday to put Britain at the forefront of the information superhighway. Although British Internet users can send a message to the Japanese Prime Minister, the American President and the German Chancellor, they cannot send one to John Major or to Conservative Central Office. Eleven out of 16 government departments are still evaluating their approach and only the Treasury is well connected to the system.

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Funeral of hospital boy

Robert Benton, who died after being shuttled for eight hours between four hospitals, was buried yesterday at Sutton Coldfield, just ten days before his second birthday. Presents bought for the celebration lay unopened at his family's home. The West Midlands Regional Health Authority promised an investigation, saying: "We will do everything in our power to find out the circumstances of this incident." His parents, Julie Benton, 23, and Tim Dawes, 32, are considering suing the authority.

Police delay CS gas trial

Police trials of CS gas sprays have been suspended after a London inspector burnt his eye during a course for instructors. The injury, which required hospital treatment, may have been caused by a defect in the chemical. Yesterday the Association of Chief Police Officers confirmed that the issuing of the sprays to 18 forces for testing had been postponed pending an investigation expected to take some weeks. All officers trained in the use of the spray are exposed to it so that they *know its effects.*

'People must have seen as she was frogmarched through the traffic with a knife thrust at her side'

Woman abducted in rush-hour and raped in park

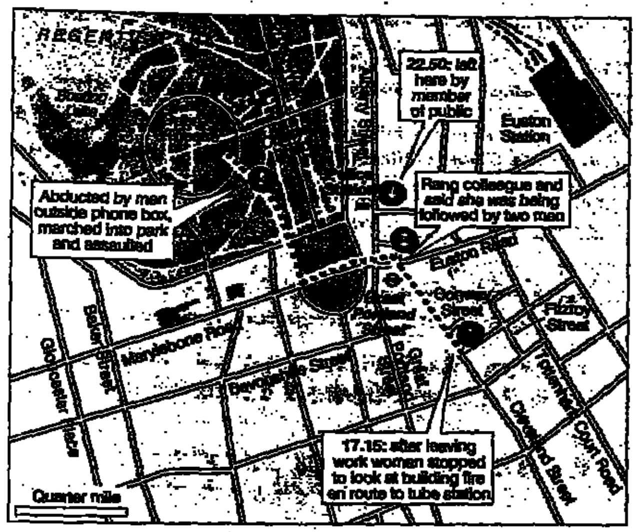
By Lin Jenkins

A YOUNG mother was dragged from a telephone box at knifepoint by two men and forced through rush-hour traffic into a London park where she was raped, robbed, slashed with a knife, and knocked unconscious.

The 24-year-old secretary had left work for the day to meet her husband when, aware that two suspicious men were following her, she used a phone box to call a friend at work who offered to send someone to meet her. As she put the telephone down the two men produced a knife and forced her across rush-hour traffic in Euston Road into Regent's Park. The men made for a secluded spot within the Inner Circle; they both raped and assaulted her during a two-hour attack.

They slashed her on her arm and shoulders and she was hit on the head. She lapsed in and out of consciousness during her ordeal.

Police say scores of people would have seen the two abductors forcing the woman into the park at around 5.15 on Wednesday evening. The park is used as a short-cut by many and at the open-air theatre there was a press night for the new production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*.


REGENT'S
Boating Lake
22.50: left here by member of public
Euston Station
Rang colleague and said she was being followed by two men
Abducted by men outside phone box, marched into park and assaulted
Euston Road
Marylebone Road
Conway Street
Fitzroy Street
Great Portland Street
Baker Street
Gloucester Place
Devonshire Street
Cleveland Street
Tottenham Court Road
17.15: after leaving work woman stopped to look at building fire en route to tube station
Quarter mile

The woman, who lives in east London with her husband and three-year-old son, wandered, dazed, shocked and bleeding, trying to find her way out of the park after the attack, which police believe ended shortly before 8pm. It was not until 10.50pm that a woman guided her to Albany Road police station and left her outside.

The victim, who works in the area around Fitzroy Square, south of Euston Road, had intended to go to the sandwich bar at Great Portland Street Underground station to wait for her husband, who works near by.

She stopped in Conway Street where a crowd had gathered at a fire and soon afterwards she felt she was being followed. She then decided to telephone a colleague.

A male friend at work failed to find her. Shortly afterwards her husband telephoned to ask where she was and said he had probably mistakenly gone to meet her at Warren Street Underground station. He did not call again and it was assumed they had met up safely.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Regent's Park yesterday, where a woman was raped during the rush-hour on Wednesday evening

Her employer said yesterday: "She is a very happy and caring woman and I still find it hard to believe what these men have done to her. It is a terrible thing."

Detective Sergeant Derek Cameron said: "The attack happened not long after this Asian lady had finished work. People must have seen as she was frogmarched through the traffic with the knife thrust at her side."

A red car being driven by a woman was forced to swerve and stop to avoid hitting the abductors and their victim as they crossed rush-hour traffic in Euston Road to get to the Park Square west entrance. "We are very anxious to trace this person and the woman who led the victim to the police station," he said.

The attackers made off with the woman's handbag, leaving her still clothed but injured and distressed. Sergeant Cameron said that many details of the attack were still unclear because the victim had been in a shock when interviewed.

"We do not know where exactly the attack occurred since the woman was led around for quite a while and she does not know the park well."

Some witnesses telephoned police yesterday after hearing about the rape on radio bulletins. Business premises and homes aound the tube station and the route to the park were also being checked to see if the incident had been recorded on security cameras.

One suspect was described as black, aged in his mid-to-late 20s, 5ft 7in tall, slim, wearing tan suede boots, black jacket and dark corduroy trousers.

The other was Asian, possibly Mauritian, in his early 20s and around 5ft 8in tall, wearing a light denim jacket and jeans. "This is a rare attack. Regent's Park is normally a safe place," Sergeant Cameron said.

Outside Great Portland Street Underground station yesterday commuters were shocked by the daylight attack.

Janet Spring, 43, a mother of two, who often walks across the park to her home, said: "When it is dark in the winter you tend to be a bit careful, but you do not expect things like this to happen."

Habgood attacks teenage marriages

TEENAGE marriages are almost always disastrous and should be discouraged, the Archbishop of York says in a television interview to be broadcast on Sunday. Dr John Habgood warned young people to think more carefully before tying the knot.

He says: "I think one has to recognise that these very young marriages for young people who are yet not fully aware of themselves, let alone of another person, are usually very rocky and should be discouraged."

The archbishop, who retires this year, also speaks of the rewards of staying celibate and rejects the idea of "living in sin". His comments come just a week after Church of England advisers said cohabitation was not a sin.

During the interview, for ITV's *Goldring*, Dr Habgood is asked what is the ideal age for marriage. He says 25 is "a good turning point".

He adds: "After 25 I think the chances improve. I think under 21 is almost always disastrous."

Asked about his own sex life — he married at the age of 34 — he says he had been "behaving entirely properly".

"I had friendships but they were not friendships which were taken to the point which would be proper within marriage, and I'm always thankful of that."

Asked directly whether cohabitation is wrong, the archbishop says there are "degrees of wrong" and adds: "I think . . . one has to have some sort of sliding scale in one's mind."

Jackpot suicide man died for the sake of £27

By Kate Alderson

A CORONER issued a warning yesterday of the "serious social problems" being caused by the National Lottery after a father shot himself dead because he believed he and his friend had missed out on a £2 million jackpot. In fact, they had won only £27 each.

Tim O'Brien, 51, from Old Swan, Liverpool, mistakenly believed he and his syndicate partner had missed out after he failed to place a stake. Mr O'Brien, a father of two, had "lost his life for the sake of £27", Roy Barter, the Liverpool Coroner, said.

Recording a verdict of suicide on Mr O'Brien, who shot himself in April, Mr Barter said that people were becoming obsessed by and addicted to the lottery. The large lottery prizes could cause a serious social problem. "It is an absolute waste of life and a tragedy for the wife and family of a healthy, happy man of 51 to kill himself for what eventually turned out to be no more than £27," he said.

The inquest was told that Mr O'Brien, a tool inspector, and Steve Sumner, his work colleague at Yorkshire Imperial Metals in Kirkby, had placed a £1 stake on the same lottery numbers every week since last November and paid for the tickets in five-week blocks.

However, Mr O'Brien, a member of the local gun club, had forgotten to renew the stake in the first week of April. He falsely believed he would have had all six winning numbers, when he would have had only four.

Mr O'Brien's wife, Maureen, told the inquest that when her husband had checked the results on the morning of Sunday, April 9, he thought that their selection, numbers 14, 24, 33, 38, 42 and 47, had come up.

"He came to me at about 10am and said he had forgotten to renew the ticket and it was invalid," Mrs O'Brien said. "He was very distressed when he realised the weekly ticket had expired. I am quite sure that his concern when he realised that the ticket had not been renewed was . . . for his workmate."

Mrs O'Brien said her husband was in tears as he tried desperately to contact Mr Sumner, who was away for the weekend. He eventually left a note pushed through Mr Sumner's letterbox that read: "Steve, I forgot to put the numbers on. Sorry, Tim."

When he returned home he went upstairs. Mrs O'Brien followed him up to the attic a few minutes later and discovered her husband had killed himself.

The coroner said that it might be better if 40 people each won £500,000 or 80 people won £250,000 than one person won £20 million.

Camelot, organisers of the National Lottery, said Mr O'Brien's death was extremely tragic but defended the game's structure and prizes.

Souness defends in style against Carman attacks

By Kathryn Knight

GRAEME SOUNESS won his libel action against *The People* in the face of George Carman's efforts to portray him as a soccer "hard man" whose ruthlessness on the pitch spilt over into his personal life.

The former Liverpool and Scotland footballer proved that he was tough enough not only to resist two days of cross examination from the most feared operator in the business but at times to give as good as he got.

Mr Carman's verbal tackles left the former Liverpool manager visibly shaken as he relentlessly accused Mr Souness of bullying his former wife and threatening her with eviction from her £800,000 farmhouse, despite being worth £3 million.

He put it to Mr Souness that he was a "great dictator" who used his power and money to crush his wife and bring her to heel, issuing threat after threat "to terrorise your wife and put her in fear".

Mr Souness replied: "A Bengal tiger couldn't do that to my ex-wife."

Accused of trying to sabotage his wife's attempt to build a stable home for the children, Mr Souness said he, too, valued stabilty but did not always feel he could rely on his former wife to provide it. Mr Carman was momentarily silent.

Mr Souness had driven her to desperation, Mr Carman said, until she was forced to approach a newspaper to get some form of justice. Mr Souness: "She has never been desperate from the day she was born."

On occasions their dealings hinted at a mutual dislike. Mr Souness described how he had worked for everything he had. Mr Carman responded: "Everyone in this courtroom has worked for what they've got, Mr Souness." Looking pointedly at his ex-wife, Mr Souness said: "Well I can point to one who's not, sir."

There was a clash when Mr Carman referred to Karen Levy, Mr Souness's second wife, becoming his mistress. "I don't like you using that word," Mr Souness said. Mr Carman. "Lover, would you prefer that?" Mr Souness: "Yes I would."

However, it was on the subject of Mr Souness's three children that the confrontation became most tense. Accused of using them as pawns by holding back school fees and bickering over maintenance, Mr Souness stared at his interrogator and replied: "You have done your best to paint a picture of me, but I know in my deepest heart that previous to this I only ever wanted the best for my children and after this I will only ever want the best for my children."

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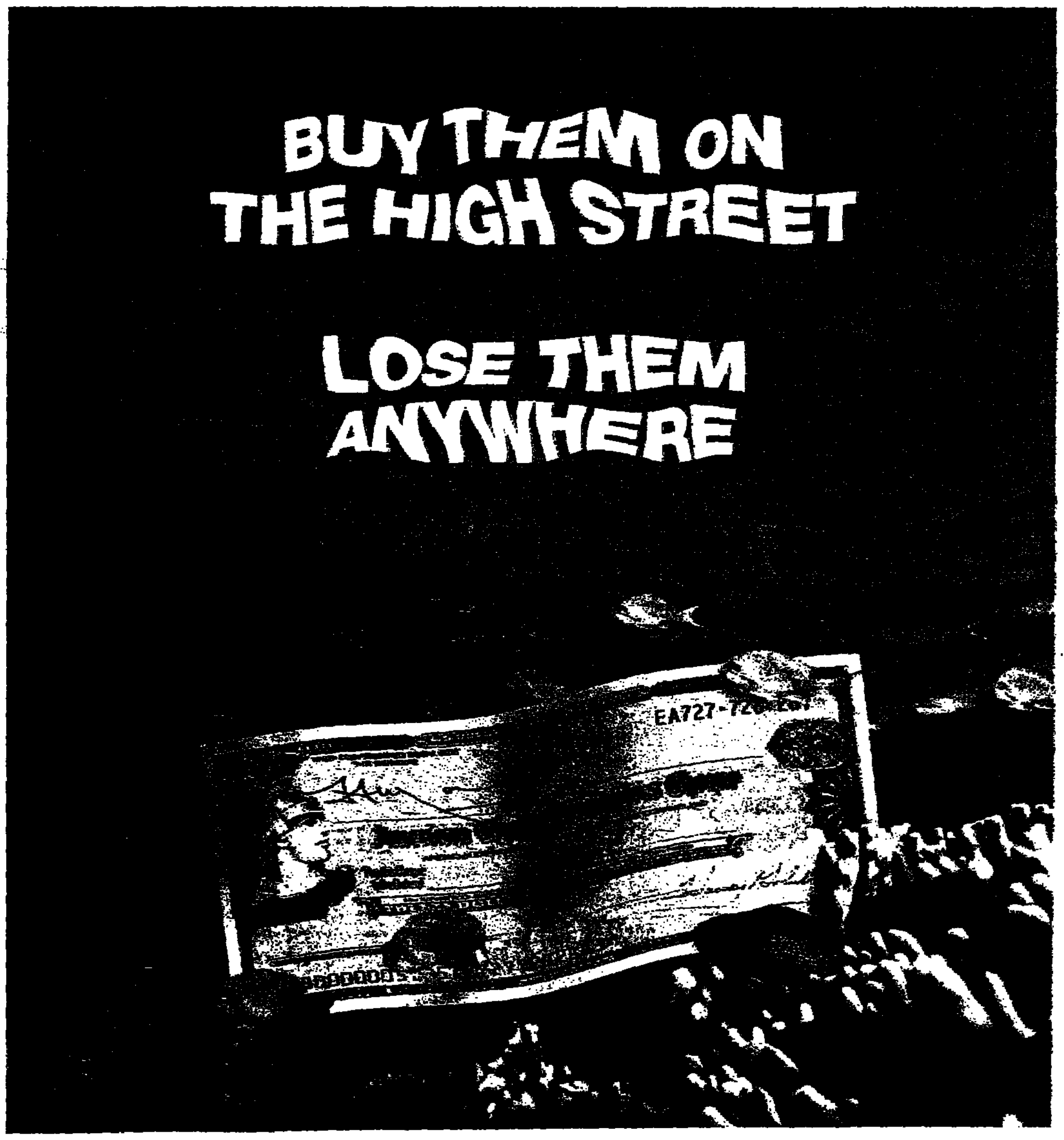

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Poet tried to put Brontë off writing

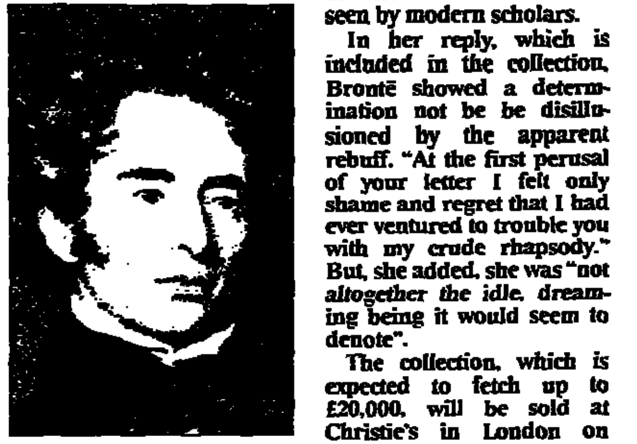
By Emma Wilkins

A *LETTER* in which the Poet Laureate Robert Southey tells Charlotte Brontë that literature is an unsuitable pursuit for women is to be sold at auction. The lakeland poet was responding in 1837 to an unsolicited letter from Brontë seeking his opinion on a selection of her unpublished poems.

Southey, then 62, told the 20-year-old aspiring author that domestic duties should come before literary pretentions. "Literature cannot be the business of a woman's life and it ought not to be," he wrote. "The more she is engaged in her proper duties, the less leisure she will have for it. To those duties you have not yet been called ... You will then not seek in imagination for excitement." The letter is being sold by the descendants of Lord Houghton, a 19th-century collector. It has never been seen by modern scholars.

In her reply, which is included in the collection, Brontë showed a determination not be be disillusioned by the apparent rebuff. "At the first perusal of your letter I felt only shame and regret that I had ever ventured to trouble you with my crude rhapsody." But, she added, she was "not *altogether the idle, dreaming being it would seem to denote*".

The collection, which is expected to fetch up to £20,000, will be sold at Christie's in London on June 29.



Southey: poor advice

Brontë: told to put housework before literature

Appeal clears way for disabled to seek more state help

Deaf woman wins battle over 'social life' benefit

By Catherine Milton, Social Services Correspondent

A YOUNG deaf woman won a court battle yesterday that clears the way for thousands of disabled people to claim state benefits to enjoy "normal" social lives.

The Appeal Court held that there was no legal reason why Rebecca Halliday, 20, a nursery nurse who has been profoundly deaf since birth, could not claim an allowance to help her to enjoy a reasonable level of social activity. The Government had argued that the benefit was intended to help with the extra costs incurred by the severely disabled.

Ms Halliday, from Newark, Nottinghamshire, first applied for help with the cost of an interpreter under what is now called disability living allowance several years ago. She was turned down by officials who argued that social activities were not essential to her "bodily functions".

Last October, the Social Security Commissioner upheld her claim, arguing that her requirement for an interpreter was "reasonable". The Social Security Department took the case to the Court of Appeal. Dismissing the appeal, Lord Justice Glidewell said there was nothing in the 1992 Social *Security Contributions and* Benefits Act to suggest that a disabled person was entitled only to an allowance for the maintenance of life.

Lord Justice Glidewell said the remaining question was whether the need claimed was "reasonable". Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed and said the attention given to a profoundly deaf person could be reasonably required.

In a minority dissenting judgment, Lord Justice Hobhouse said the enjoyment of social activity was almost the opposite of what the law intended to offer. He said the criterion laid down in the Act was help required for "bodily functions", which could not be equated with social activities.

If the ruling stands it will have application beyond the needs of deaf people. Blind people, for example, may also be able to claim. The ruling will trouble Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, who has sought to rein back spending on the disabled.

The department, faced with a potential flood of claims, was considering last night whether it would appeal to the House *of Lords.*

Ms Halliday, who works full-time for Nottinghamshire council as a support assistant for nursery-age deaf children, *cannot yet claim her benefit.* But armed with the court ruling she will probably be able to show that she requires "frequent attention throughout the day" and hence qualify for the benefit. Previously officials argued that the need for help with social activities did not meet that test.

Speaking through the aid of an interpreter, Ms Halliday said: "I am very pleased I have *won today and hopefully I will win at the next stage as well.* This judgment will help pay for the equipment and services, for instance, interpreters and sub-titled videos, that deaf people need *in terms of making* them equal to other members of society."

David Thomas, of the Child Poverty Action Group, one of the organisations who backed her claim, said the court had broadened the scope of the law to include normal everyday activities at work and socially, such as meeting friends and visiting museums or the theatre. "This has opened the way for many thousands of people who are presently denied benefit to be eligible. The court has sent out the message that disability allowance is there to enable people to live full lives in the community."

Mrs Halliday, Rebecca's mother, said her daughter was a popular figure who enjoyed going to the pub, where her friends included hearing and deaf people.

'Negligent' pilots are blamed for Chinook crash

By Michael Evans and Nicholas Watt

THE two experienced pilots who were among the 29 vic*tims of the Chinook helicopter* crash in which senior counter-terrorist experts were killed, were blamed for the incident in the official report published yesterday.

Flight Lieutenants Richard Cook, 30, and Jonathan Tapper, 28, were accused of negligence. The Chinook crashed into rising terrain on the southern tip of the Mull of Kintyre on June 2 last year.

The conclusion of the Ministry of Defence board of inquiry means that the two young widows of the pilots will be barred from receiving compensation. An RAF source said: "The dependants of the pilots cannot claim because they were proved to be liable."

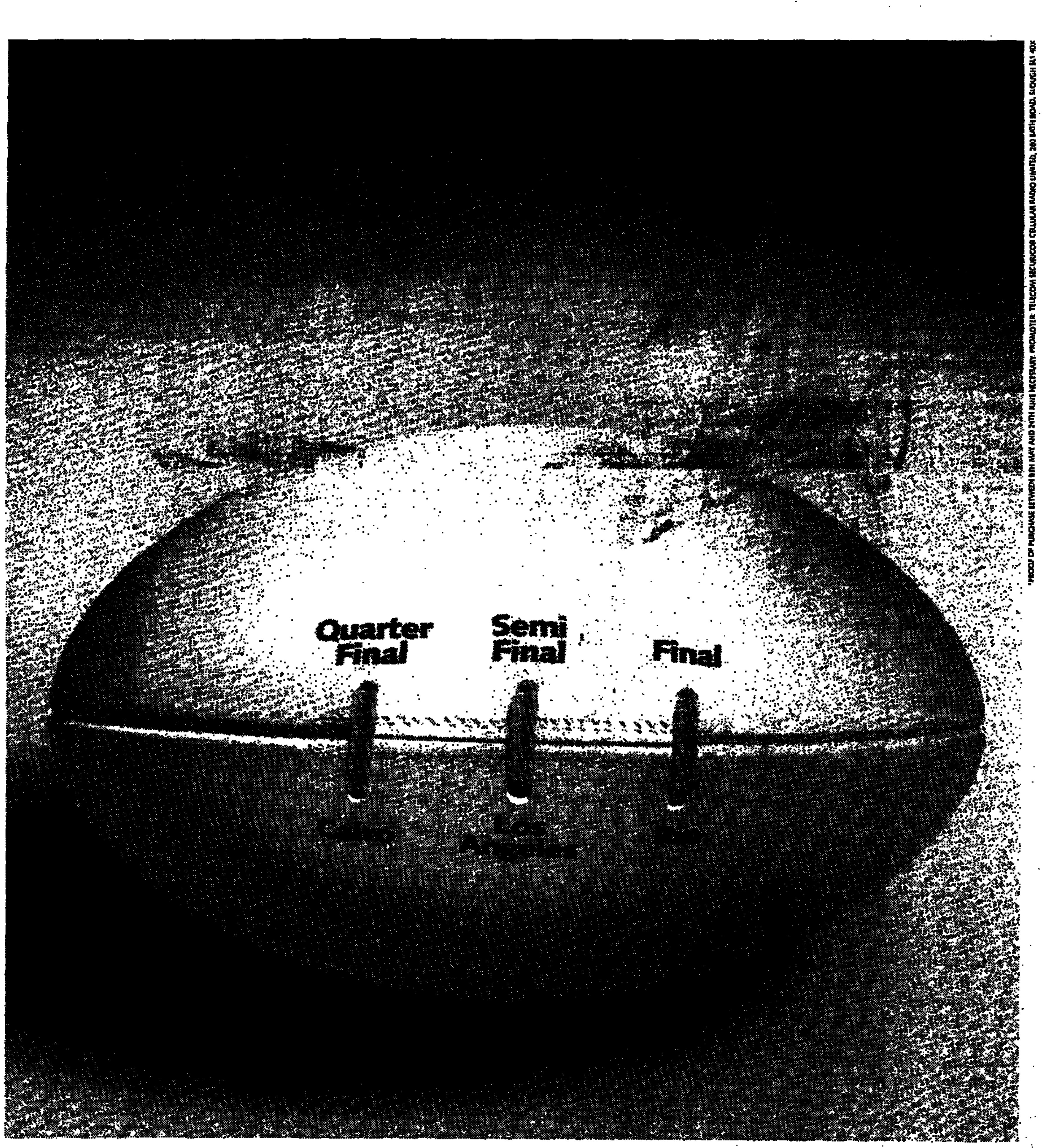
The families of the two other *members of the air crew,* Air Loadmaster Graham Forbes and Sergeant Kevin Hardy, will be entitled to compensation which could be as high as £250,000 *each. The air crew* came from RAF Odiham in Hampshire.

The Government dispelled fears expressed by the families *of the victims about* restrictions on compensation when Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, announced that current limits on legal liability, which impose a ceiling of £110,000, would be ignored. He said the terms of the 1967 Carriage by Air Acts Order were out of date and the MoD would consider claims above £110,000.

The Chinook crashed into the mountainside in low cloud after an "uneventful, direct transit" across the Northern Channel of the Irish Sea. On board the Chinook, which had taken off from RAF Aldergrove in Co Antrim, were 25 passengers, all highly experienced counter-terrorist experts. They were due to take part in a security conference on the mainland and the Chinook was bound for Fort George in Inverness in a low-level flight across the water.

Senior RAF sources said *yesterday that the pilots made* a basic error. They had flown the Chinook along the correct route, making a turn close to the lighthouse off the Mull of Kintyre *but then failed to* climb to a high altitude to reach above the thick clouds.

Widows of the victims of the disaster, who welcomed the *compensation arrangements,* which will be based on loss of earnings, expressed their support for the wives of the pilots.



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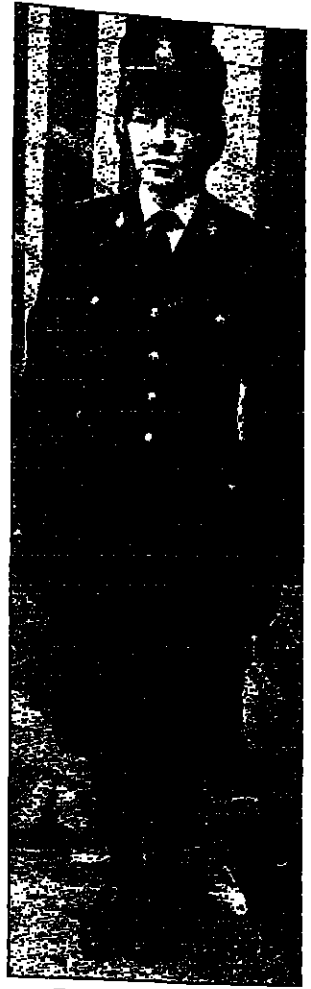
First woman chief constable says she got the job because she had right skills and experience



Pauline Clare as a young cadet in 1964

'I've never felt a need to become one of the boys'

By Kate Alderson

BRITAIN'S first woman chief constable rejected any suggestion yesterday that her appointment was a politically correct gesture and said she had never found it necessary to behave like "one of the boys". Pauline Clare, speaking publicly for the first time since her appointment as Chief Constable of Lancashire Police was announced on Wednesday, said she got the job because she had the right skills and experience and for no other reason.

"But the appointment of a woman is extremely symbolic," she said. "People will assume there will be changes. I am sure there will but I do not know yet what those changes will be."

Mrs Clare, 47, at present Deputy Chief Constable of Cheshire, had never felt the need to sacrifice her femininity to "become one of the boys". She said: "*I am what I am.* I never try to be other than I am. No disrespect to boys but I don't want to behave like a boy." After 30 years' service Mrs Clare is returning to the force she joined as a 17-year-old cadet. She is expected to take over the post later this summer and admitted she had been eyeing the position for at least two years. "I am a very determined person and I set my sights a long time ago on being the Chief Constable of Lancashire."

Mrs Clare, a butcher's daughter from Chorley, Lancashire, was head of her secondary modern school, a Girl Guide patrol leader and a member of St John Ambulance Brigade. She lives with her second husband, Stuart, a Crown Prosecution Service solicitor, and two stepdaughters.

She spent the first eight years of her police career with the Lancashire force and, after promotion to inspector at the age of 25, transferred to the newly formed Merseyside force. She spent most of her career on Merseyside and several years in charge of the inner-city area of Bootle.

In 1992 she was appointed Assistant Chief Constable in the wake of the Alison Halford sex discrimination case during which it was alleged that macho attitudes and sexual prejudice among senior officers had prevented her from progressing in her career.

Mrs Clare said she had not encountered such prejudices and was not convinced that a male-dominated "canteen culture" was rife throughout the police. She enjoyed watching the television series *Prime Suspect* in which Helen Mirren, as a senior detective, encounters resistance from male colleagues. "There will obviously be some people like that in the police."

Mrs Clare said that James Sharples, the Chief Constable of Merseyside, who was involved in the Halford case, was one of her role models. She added that most of her mentors, a number of superintendents, were men.

When asked if Miss Halford's case had had any impact on her appointment she said: "Clearly it had some kind of impact but I worked extremely hard and I prepared myself for this position so I think it is largely down to me."

Although only 15 per cent of Lancashire officers are women Mrs Clare said she would not be instituting a policy of positive discrimination. She would aim to build up a force that represented the community on race and gender lines and would look closely at recruitment policy.

Some press reports have focused of Mrs Clare's femininity and taste in perfume. She said such questions irritated her but if people asked she did not mind telling them. "You probably would not ask a man whether he used a certain aftershave. I am conscious I might be advertising but I do like Chanel No. 5."

CHRIS COUFTE

Mrs Clare yesterday: "People assume there will be changes. I am sure there will be"

Head asks Rugby rebels to explain their objections

By Ben Preston, education correspondent

THE Head Master of Rugby School intervened yesterday to quell the rebellion against the appointment of the first head girl by inviting individual dissenters to explain their objections to him personally.

Michael Mavor returned from a business trip to address the school for the first time since half the boys protested against the appointment of Louise Woolcock, 17, by boycotting chapel. He mounted a vigorous defence of his decision at yesterday's morning service, only moments after some pupils opened their hymn books to discover hostile pamphlets hidden overnight by dissenters.

The school's patience with about 20 senior boys behind a campaign of disobedience is beginning to wear thin. Notices were put up in houses giving pupils the opportunity to discuss their objections with the Head Master but warning that any boys caught outside at night would be suspended.

One rebel said last night: "I think things might quieten down for a few days but we will be back."

Mr Mavor told *The Times*: "I told the school that the appointment had nothing to do with political correctness and everything to do with the quality of those appointed." Louise, who joined Rugby only last September, will become joint head of school in the new academic year with a boy, Huw Brown. Mr Mavor said he had explained the lengths the school had gone to make the appointment. Masters and senior prefects had all been invited to submit names. A shortlist of 13 were interviewed by senior staff, who had been unanimous.

He insisted that he was not disappointed by the recent events and said he believed the episode was now over. "I think it's a healthy tradition at Rugby for there to be open expression of opinion. But while I welcome this, breaking school rules is ill-advised."

Mr Mavor acknowledged that Louise's appointment was "slightly bold" but emphasised her qualities: "Louise has a real concern for everyone in the school and a determination to achieve things during her year of office. She has a strong sense of humour, understands how to deal with her peer group and will prove a good intermediary between me and the boys and girls."

Mr Mavor's appeal for order follows three days and nights of cat and mouse between masters and a band of about 20 senior boys at the £12,270-a-year boarding school. Early yesterday, a small group is understood to have gained access to the chapel. They then slipped hundreds of printed leaflets inside or underneath hymn books for pupils to discover in the morning. A school official had tried to remove the leaflets before the 8.30am service but protesters insisted many were still there.

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Boys praised for saving teacher

By Michael Horsnell

SCHOOLBOYS who saved their teacher's life after he plunged unconscious into a river with serious head injuries during a geography field trip were praised for their actions yesterday.

The eight boys, aged 14 and 15, saved him from drowning and then kept him alive for 50 minutes while paramedics crossed difficult terrain in the Peak District National Park to reach him.

David Jackson, 27, a teacher at King Edward VI Five Ways School, Bartley Green, Birmingham, who was supervising the trip, tumbled down a slope and fell into the River Dove after being hit on the head by a cricket ball-sized rock possibly dislodged by a sheep. Several of the boys jumped in to lift his head out of the swirling water and wrap him in some of their clothes to keep him warm. An elderly fisherman helped while one of the group ran to a cottage to raise the alarm.

Mr Jackson, the only adult in the party, was having difficulty breathing due to his injuries, which included a fractured jaw and cheekbone. He is poorly but stable in intensive care at Derby Royal Infirmary where he has been under heavy sedation since the accident on Wednesday last week.

The boys were working on a river survey exercise while Mr Jackson, who is married, supervised from a steep bank several yards above them. David Wheeldon, the school's deputy head, said: "This was not a hazardous visit. It was just unfortunate that the teacher happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time when the rock fell. No one knows for sure how it came to fall."

After the incident one of the boys telephoned the youth hostel where they were staying and staff there arranged for them to be collected. The school declined to name the boys or allow them to give interviews until Mr Jackson has fully recovered.

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Projects looking for National Lottery cash range from an opera house to village halls

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EAST ANGLIA — Norwich City & Norfolk County councils: major facility in Norwich to boost information technology, including library: £58m. Peterborough Environment City Trust: landscaped city ring: £12.5m. Rocklands Village Hall, Norfolk: community and school facilities in one building: £553,000. River Stour Trust, Suffolk: new lock at Great Cornard: £516,150.

EAST MIDLANDS — Northants County Council: Brixworth Country Park: £1.4m. Broughton Astley Parish Council, Leics: village hall: £547,000. St Martha's Church, Nottingham: community hall and help project with wind turbine: £500,000

GREATER LONDON — Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership: enhanced river landscape, Hampton Court to Kew: £115m. Tate Gallery: gallery for modern art collections on Bankside power station site: £106m. British Museum: public square with translucent roof: £59.8m. Borough of Tower Hamlets: 90-acre Mile End Parks by Grand Canal: £21.3m. Groundwork in London Consortium: improved environment in inner London: £15m. Jeff Kahane & Associates, architects: public space over railway cuttings north of Farringdon: £12.2m. Zoological Society: conservation education centre: £12m. Thames Salmon Trust: natural spawning for Atlantic salmon: £1m. Borough of Barking & Dagenham: visitor education centre for Eastbrookend Country Park and Chase nature reserve: £700,000

NORTH — Durham County Council: restoration of coastline after colliery tipping: £11.8m. Ingleton & District Community Association: new hall: £230,000.

NORTH WEST — Salford City Council, Quays complex housing auditorium, theatre, L.S. Lowry gallery and national virtual reality centre: £94.8m. Rochdale Canal Trust: restoration from Manchester to Halifax: £23m. Manchester University: rebuilt radio telescope at Jodrell Bank with new visitor centre: £20m. Landlife, Liverpool: Court Hey national wildflower centre: £2.4m. Visions Community Designs Ltd, Manchester: centre demonstrating potential for community led activity: £877,000.

SOUTH EAST — Portsmouth & SE Hants Partnership: Development of Portsmouth and Gosport waterfronts: £113.3m. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew: global seed bank: £47.4m. Tendring District Council: path around northern edge of Clacton and Holland-on-Sea: £2.6m. Bracknell Forest Borough Council: 75m high weather tower and interactive centre: £2m. Wokingham District Council: footbridge over Thames to link Wargrave and Shiplake: £331,130. Rebuilding Grayswood Village Hall, Surrey: £300,000. Moulsoe Community Assoc. Milton Keynes: village hall: £240,000.

SOUTH WEST — Bristol 2000 Limited: waterside development including Wildscreen World (electronic zoo) and Science World: £65m. Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge: New buildings and landscaping: £5m. Somerset County Council: wetland areas conservation and access at Glastonbury: £855,600. St Ives Parish Council: Pensliva community building and village square: £802,745. Devon County Council: cycle network linking two sections of National Cycle Route: £250,000. Berry Hill Memorial Institute: hall at Coleford, Glos: £243,000. Shaftesbury Stone Masons Ltd: eight stone market crosses: £226,500. Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Throwleigh outdoor centre: £146,925.

WEST MIDLANDS — Black Country Urban Forestry Unit: urban forests including recreation facilities and woodland enterprises. Birmingham City Council: high technology Digbeth Millenium Campus: £110.6m. National Memorial Arboretum, Lichfield: symbol of remembrance and reconciliation for generations affected by war: £11.7m. Warwickshire County Council: Forest of Arden Millennium Trail long-distance footpath: £1.7m.

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE — Earth Centre Millennium Partnership: world centre for sustainable development promoting best environmental practice: £124.8m. Trans-Pennine Trail: 120 miles of cycle routes and footpaths from Merseyside to Humberside: £11m. Boothferry Rd Community Project, Goole: community centre: £759,000. Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds: environmental centre at city farm: £319,000.

NORTHERN IRELAND — Belfast City Council: environmental landscape improvements: £12.5m. Downpatrick Partnership Board: St Patrick Visitor centre: £4.7m. Larne Borough Council: Gobbins cliff path restoration: £3m. Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd, Co Tyrone: community centre: £785,000. Greater New Lodge Cultural Society, Belfast: Irish Cultural Centre: £600,000. Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway: re-establishment of Shane's Castle railway linking causeway and Bushmills: £345,968. Trillick Enterprise Group, Co Tyrone: multiplex community facility: £311,000. 125 House, Belfast: multi-purpose family resource centre: £210,000.

SCOTLAND — Millennium Forest for Scotland: restoration of native woodlands, up to 20 new woods in first phase: up to £20m. Glasgow Development Agency: National Science Centre at derelict Quay area: £88m. Queen's Park Football Club Ltd, multi-use project, linked with Hampden Park: £67m. Asset Trust on behalf of Nobel Exhibition Trust: exhibition centre based on Alfred Nobel, and laureates' achievements: £14.3m. National Museums of Scotland: Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network: £12m. Orkney Islands Council: facilities within community building complex: £6.8m. Monklands District Council: Gartsherrie Academy cinema museum of unusual architecture: £6m. Zoological Society of Glasgow: facility to explain management, conservation of endangered species: £3m. Scottish Wildlife Trust: National Rivers Visitors Centre: £2m. Fife Enterprise: long-distance cycleway: £1.4m. Wigtown District Council: Agnew Park seafront development: £1m. Bennachie Leisure Centre Development Committee: new building for Insch: £450,000. The Kirk Session of Dunblane Cathedral: halls for community needs: £384,000. Orkney Science Festival: centre for new approach to studying scientific concepts: £350,000.

WALES — Welsh Rugby Union and South Glamorgan: Redevelopment of Cardiff Arms Park: £100m. Cardiff Bay Opera House Trust: new opera house with lyric theatre as permanent home for Welsh National Opera: £86.8m. Middleton Botanic Garden: botanic garden for Wales: £35.2m. Llanelli Borough Council: restoration of Llanelli coast and Burray Estuary: £20m. Ffestiniog Railway Co: restoration of the Welsh National Railway: leisure railway from Caernarvon to Porthmadog: £9m. Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Aberystwyth: renovation of mansion for accommodation, education and sport: £831,558. Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Sully, S Glamorgan: new community building: £250,000. Lawrenny Village Hall Trustees: refurbishment of village hall: £239,804.

Millennium plans highlight people and environment

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

A NATIONWIDE network of cycle paths stretching 5,000 miles; a museum of modern art situated in a former power-station in London; a £67 million sports stadium in Glasgow; an opera house in Cardiff. They could all receive National Lottery funding as part of the Government's ambitious plans to celebrate the millennium.

The schemes are among 83 millennium projects on a shortlist drawn up by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, yesterday. The plans, which have been selected from 550 applications, will go forward for detailed appraisal to decide which should receive grants.

Mr Dorrell, who is also chairman of the Millennium Commission, said there was a clear demand in the applications for projects that would enhance the environment or improve community life.

He added, however, that they would not all receive funding as the commission, which is funded from the proceeds of the National Lottery, had up to £350 million available for grants this year, but had received applications for £850 million towards projects with a total cost of £1.8 billion. "There is going to be real competition in some areas," he said.

One of those areas is Cardiff. The Welsh Rugby Union is seeking £50 million towards a £100 million rebuild of Cardiff Arms Park to give the city an 80,000 capacity stadium to host the 1999 Rugby World Cup. A spokesman for the WRU said that 12,000 people had called a special telephone line to express their support for the project: "This is clearly the people's choice and a superb way to mark the turn of the century."

Across the city, a bid for £50 million has also been submitted for the funding of the Cardiff Bay Opera House, which would cost £86.8 million to build and would provide a permanent home for the Welsh National Opera as well as a theatre for musicals, dance and drama. A spokesman for the Opera House Trust said: "It would be marvellous for Cardiff for both projects to get funding. They are totally different but would complement each other."

Mr Dorrell said that while there was no reason for two deserving projects in the same area not to receive funding, the commission was keen to ensure that millennium funds were spread evenly throughout the country. He added that he was disappointed that no large schemes had been selected from the North of England and Northern Ireland.

"We intend to hold further consultation meetings in those areas in order to encourage more successful proposals in the next bidding round, which opens in September," he said.

Each project will be required to raise partnership funding for around half the total cost. Priority will be given to schemes that will have widespread public support, a lasting impact in their constituent areas and that will regenerate economic, cultural and social life within the area.

Applicants who fail will be able to re-apply at a later date. The commission expects to be able to distribute up to £350 million a year for the next five years.

Among the projects sent back for "refining" are a £100 million plan for "Albertopolis", a centre for art, science and technology based on the national museums in South Kensington, London.

Other rejected projects include a £27 million Millennium Sundial for London, a £40 million National Space Science Centre for the East Midlands, and a £33 million "Oceanarium 2000" for Southampton.

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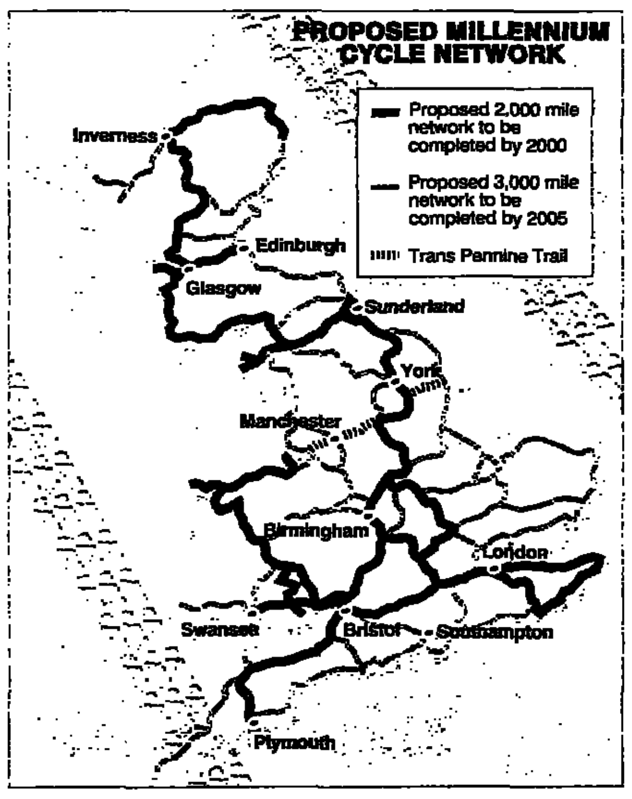
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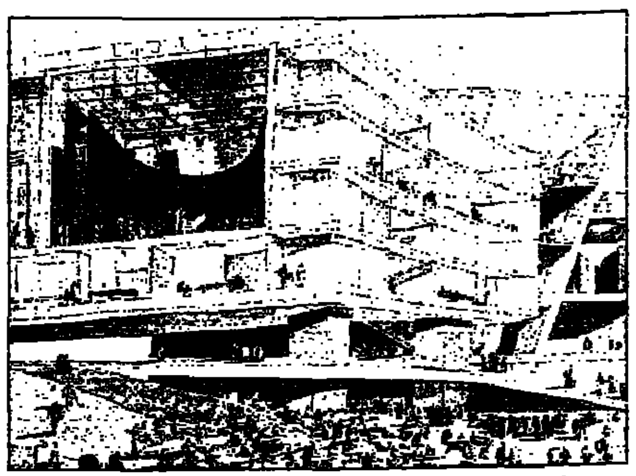
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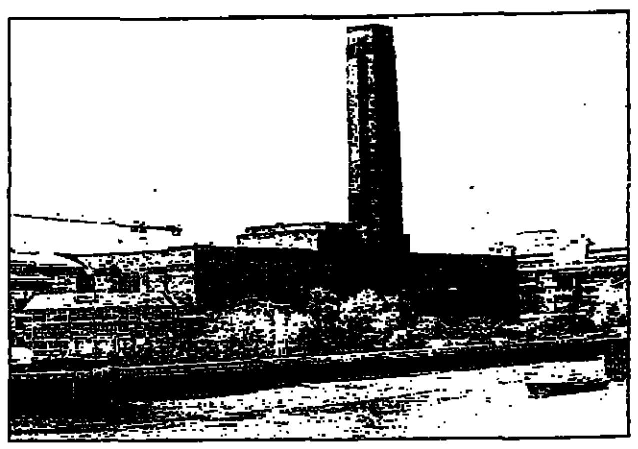
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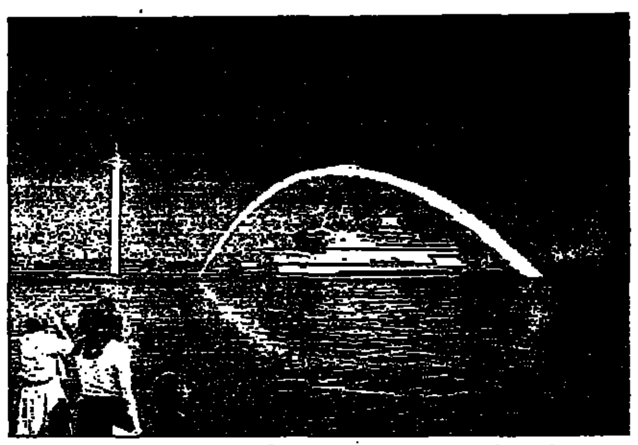
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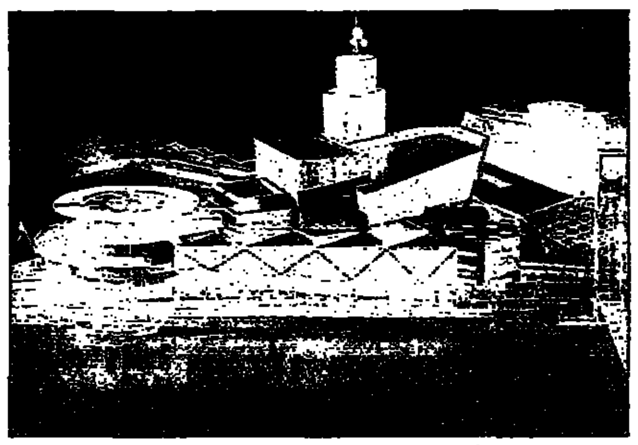
Impression of the Lowry Centre on Salford Quays

NEWS IN BRIEF

Appeal by man jailed for lying is refused

The Court of Appeal yesterday upheld last month's jailing of a man who had tried to cover up his involvement in a road accident. David Whitehead, 47, had been imprisoned at Winchester Crown Court for four months after he got his wife Patricia to tell police that the family car was being driven by her, not him, when it collided with a motorcyclist.

Ben Compton, for Whitehead, a computer programmer and Sunday school teacher from Brockenhurst, Hampshire, said he had learnt his lesson. Mrs Whitehead was jailed for two months for conspiring to pervert the course of justice but was released on appeal after three days.

Lloyd Webber gift

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber donated the £110,000 received with his award of a Praemium Imperiale prize to the National Youth Music Theatre so that the company, aged from 11 to 19, can appear on Broadway later this year. The Japan Arts Association honoured the composer of hit musicals for his music, one of the awards' five categories.

PC charged

A police constable appeared in court charged with raping a girl aged 15. PC Adam Grice-Roberts, 31, of Hutton, Lancashire, is accused of raping the girl on April 18 in Blackpool. Lancaster Magistrates' Court remanded him on bail until July 13. No details of the allegations were given during the two-minute hearing and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Tunnel stowaway

A suspected stowaway on a Channel Tunnel train is being questioned by immigration officials after he was found wandering around a rail freight yard near Folkestone, Kent. The man, aged between 25 and 30, whose identity and nationality have not been released by police, is thought to be the first to attempt to enter the country via the tunnel.

Doctor accused

A doctor has been suspended after allegedly being so drunk that he leant heavily on a four-year-old boy to prop himself up. The mother of Jason Stewart, who was awaiting treatment for a cut lip, said: "He used Jason as a crutch to stop himself falling over. It was clear he was very drunk." North Tees General Hospital, Stockton, said an inquiry would be held.

Guitarist dies

The Irish guitarist Rory Gallagher, who became one of the leading white blues musicians, died in King's College Hospital, London, aged 47. He had undergone a liver transplant earlier this year. Gallagher rose to fame while still a teenager with the rock group Taste before pursuing a solo career. He sold 14 million records.

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Contact lens alert

Contact lens users who fail to disinfect them properly are at high risk of contracting an infection that causes blindness, researchers say. The infection, acanthamoeba keratitis, is uncommon but potentially devastating. Over a third of patients need a corneal graft, a report from Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, says in the *British Medical Journal*.

Colour clash

King's Bowling Club in Torquay has had its brown lawn dyed green to avoid embarrassment when it hosts the town's annual tournament next week. Bob Sweet, of the local council, said: "We couldn't get the grass to grow so there was nothing else for it." Some members are unhappy with the garish effect but the council plans to apply a second coat on Sunday.

Lottery provides a new focus for old delusions

MEDICAL BRIEFING

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DESPITE reports of patients being admitted to hospital convinced that they have become the latest National Lottery millionaires, there is no new disease induced by the Saturday gamble.

Delusions have been recorded as an important symptom in psychiatric disease for centuries and presumably have always been a feature of the deranged mind. Patients who have recently believed that they are lottery winners are exhibiting the same type of behaviour as those of an earlier era, for the nature of a delusion tends to reflect current headlines.

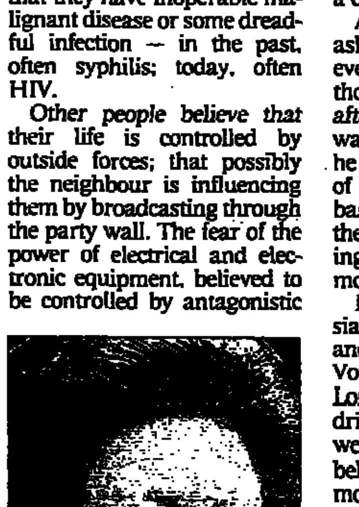
In outpatients departments, when I was a student and later when I was a houseman, we usually had one or two patients around who were convinced that they were Princess Margaret Rose. Today, in respectable late middle age, Princess Margaret would no longer seem to epitomise the qualities that a disturbed young woman might envy. Grandeur, it seems, is these days not represented so much by Buckingham Palace as by a lucky number on the lottery ticket.

Not all delusions are those of grandeur although people who believe that they are regal, or are the reincarnation of some other all-powerful personage, make good subjects for consideration by medical students.

The tragic delusions of worthlessness, persecution and guilt are more common. Many patients have delusions about their physical appearance; they may fear that they are changing sex, that their brains are rotting, their noses growing or their penises shrinking.

More simple hypochondriacal fears are even more frequent. Delusions about health are often firmly held and, however irrational and unsupported by objective clinical evidence, become fixed, the patients remaining certain that they have inoperable malignant disease or some dreadful infection — in the past, often syphilis; today, often HIV.

Other people believe that their life is controlled by outside forces; that possibly the neighbour is influencing them by broadcasting through the party wall. The fear of the power of electrical and electronic equipment, believed to be controlled by antagonistic forces, illustrates how delusions change with time. In an earlier century, it would have been the evil eye; today, it is the radio.


Margaret: was focus

Sometimes the focus of delusion is unrelated to any other aspect of the patient's life or general beliefs but the fears may be systematised and have a crazy logic to them.

A year or two ago, I was asked to see a patient who eventually told me that he thought the Russians were after him. Feeling that attack was the best form of defence, he generally made a nuisance of himself around their embassy while he investigated their intentions. Not surprisingly, he did in fact become a most unwelcome visitor.

He was convinced that Russians always drove Volvos, and he believed that black Volvos followed him around London. One day he was driving along the A3 and there were by chance two Volvos behind him. He knew his moment had come and suddenly drove across the road to block their passage. There was the most appalling pile-up; this patient's fears were characteristic of a systematised delusion.

Delusion can be a symptom of many different psychotic illnesses, all of which can be helped by treatment.

Extra test could reduce cervical cancer deaths

EXTRA health checks could reduce cancer deaths among women, according to research published today.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is asking the Department of Health to allow a large-scale trial on women already in the cervical cancer screening programme.

The hope is that it could eventually lead to saving 500 to 1,000 extra lives a year.

The charity's researchers want to add a test for human papillomaviruses (HPV) to the pap smear after HPV test results had found high-grade abnormalities not picked up by the smear test.

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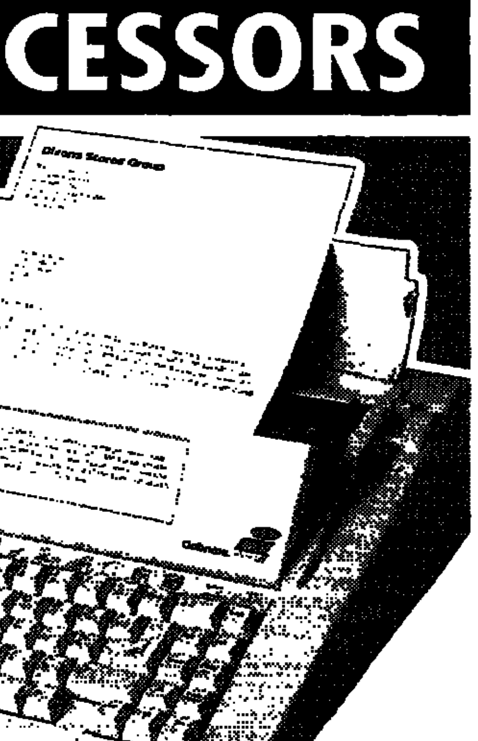

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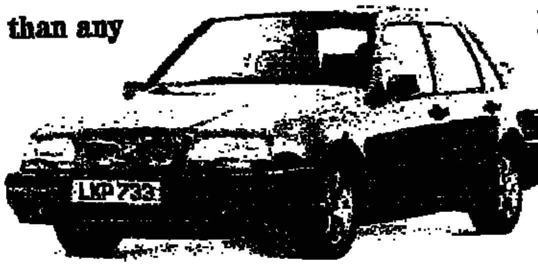

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Descendant disgusted at sale of Jewish treasures

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

A CAMPAIGN to stop the trustees of Jews' College, Britain's foremost Orthodox rabbinical training centre, from auctioning its most valuable treasures has been joined by a descendant of the original donor who said he was deeply shocked by the trustees' "breach of faith".

In a letter to *The Times* today, Alex Jacob, a retired paper merchant, speaks of his disgust at the college's decision to sell historic items given to it by his great grandmother, Phoebe Green. She donated some 6,000 items in memory of her husband, the Rev A. L. Green, a bibliophile who played a prominent role in founding the college.

Mr Jacob, 78, who learnt of the sale in *The Times* earlier this week, believes it betrays her trust. In a letter of 1883 to the college, his great grandmother asked them "to take charge of and safeguard the library for the permanent public use of the community in memory of my late husband".

The campaigners, who are preparing an application for an injunction, are particularly incensed over the sale of a Torah scroll dating from the 10th or 11th century, one of the earliest surviving Hebrew manuscripts after the Dead Sea Scrolls. Geoffrey Alderman, a member of the council of the Federation of Synagogues, an Orthodox Jewish body founded in 1887, said: "It is forbidden by Jewish law to sell any part of a Torah in circumstances in which it could pass out of the hands of the Jewish community."

Bernard Berkovits, a dayan or judge of Jewish law, said several factors affected the sale of a Torah. A sale was forbidden except as a last resort to finance marriage, a primary commandment in the Jewish attitude towards life and the permanence of the world, or to further Jewish teaching. He explained that if someone wanted to study Judaism, and their only possession was a Torah, they could sell it. However, that was a last resort: "I don't know that it could be said the Jews' College has no other means of raising money." An institute of its standing could surely find other means, he said. "The Torah, the bible written by hand on parchment, is the most sacred object in the Jewish universe. This sale leaves rather a bitter taste."

Rabinowicz: protests

For Professor Alderman, who heads the politics and contemporary history department at Middlesex University, history is repeating itself. He was among the most vociferous campaigners against the sale by the Royal Holloway College of its Gainsborough, Turner and Constable. He said: "One's a tragedy and the other's a farce." He expressed amazement that Jews' College seems unaware of this law and said that, even if they were short of funds, there were plenty of alternatives. "This is not a long-term solution."

Harry Rabinowicz, former rabbi of the Cricklewood, Willesden and Brondesbury synagogues, who voiced his outrage in *The Times* this week, has been inundated with protest letters and calls.

Among them is Irving Jacobs, a former principal of Jews' College, who said: "I am extremely upset by the sale. First and foremost, the library is a legacy of the Jewish community, and a wider community — as it is not just closed to Jews. To dissipate it in a vain attempt to preserve the college is unacceptable. You solve no problems by devastating a library to save an institution."

Rabbi Rabinowicz is calling an emergency meeting of the council of Jews' College, of which he is a member, for Monday evening. Sotheby's auction is on Tuesday.

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Teenage crimes linked to early trauma

By Lucy Berrington and Jennai Cox

Robert Thompson and Mary Bell: their crimes, as children, were among those studied in research into the causes of juvenile offending, for The Prince's Trust

MORE than 90 per cent of teenage thugs and murderers suffered serious trauma as children, a study published yesterday by The Prince's Trust says.

The report, *Violent Victims*, called for a Ministry for Youth to oversee provision for offenders, for the national curriculum to include parenting skills, and counselling for post-traumatic stress disorder to be routinely provided to those battered as children.

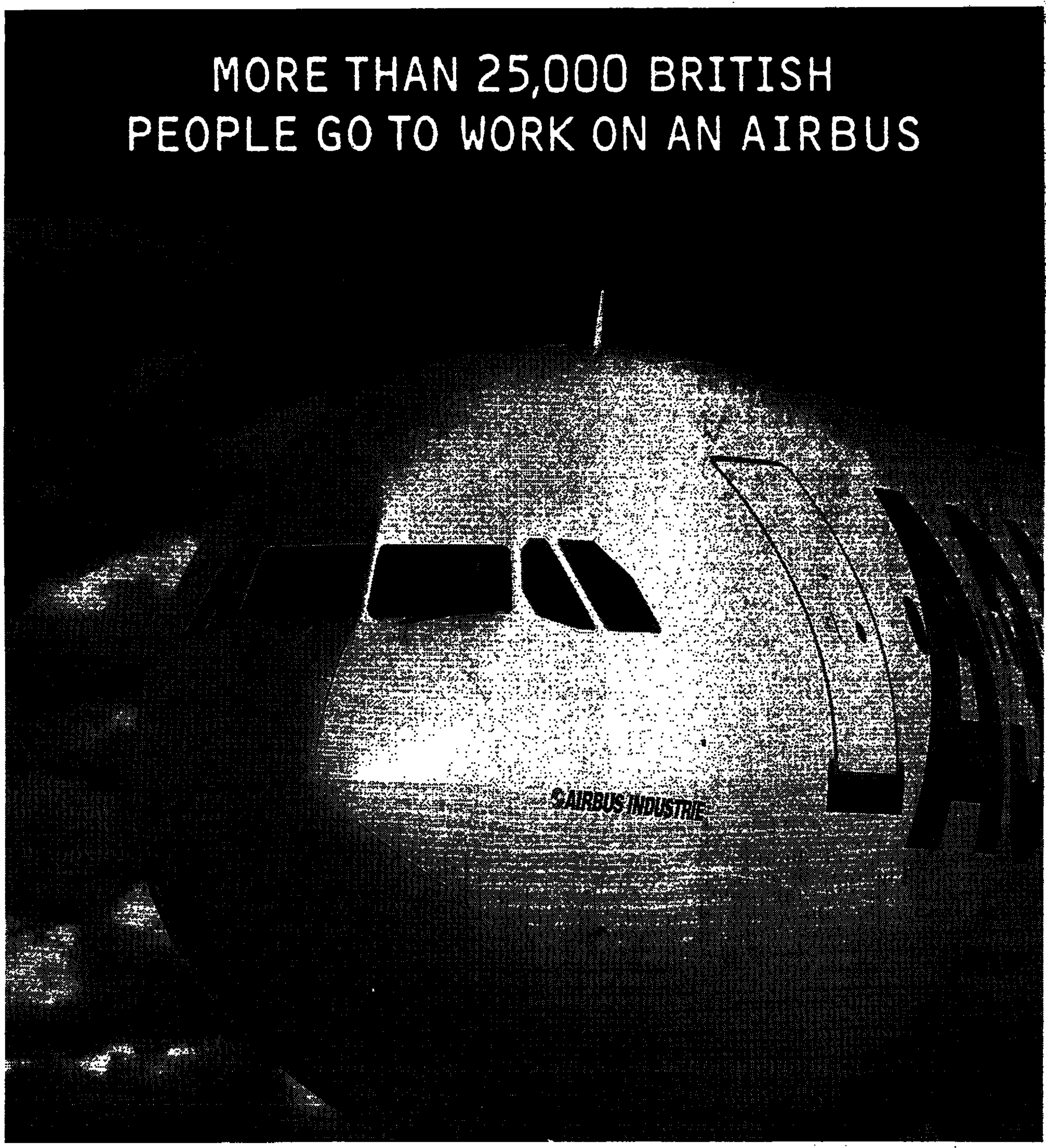
The vast majority (91 per cent) of violent offenders aged 10 to 17 had suffered abuse or loss in early life, the study found. Robert Thompson, one of two boys convicted of killing two-year-old James Bulger when Thompson was 11, had been deserted by his father and bullied by his elder brothers, the report said. The study of a sample of offenders sentenced under provision for juveniles convicted of serious offences, found that 72 per cent were victims of emotional, physical or sexual abuse, Dr Gwyneth Boswell of the University of East Anglia, author of the report, told a conference held by The Prince's Trust in London.

Physical abuse was reported in 40 per cent of cases. Emotional abuse — neglect, ill-treatment or rejection — was experienced by 29 per cent, and the same proportion of the sample had suffered sexual abuse.

In addition, 57 per cent had suffered significant loss in childhood, in most cases because a parent died or abandoned them. Thirty-five per cent of teenage thugs had suffered both abuse and loss.

However, Professor David Farrington, a criminologist at Cambridge University, said the causal link was unclear: "It is important to identify why some abused and neglected children do not develop into violent offenders." His own research pinpointed additional indicators of violence in young boys, including unemployed fathers, low intelligence, daring or risk-taking personalities, head injuries and hyperactivity.

Cruelty to animals by children was another indicator of future violence, according to other research, he said, citing Mary Bell, who, in 1968 when 11, was convicted of manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility.



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Aids study raises hope of vaccine

By Nigel Hawkes

HOPES of a vaccine against Aids have been raised by a study of prostitutes in Senegal that has shown that infection with a mild form of HIV provides protection against the more deadly form.

The prostitutes were studied over nine years by a team led by Dr Phyllis Kanki of Harvard School of Public Health. The team found that the women infected with HIV-2, a less aggressive form of the virus that causes Aids, are three times more likely to avoid infection with HIV-1.

Analogies are being drawn with the work of the vaccine pioneer Edward Jenner, who discovered in the 18th century that cowpox infection protected against the deadly smallpox. The analogy is not exact because HIV-2 does cause Aids, but it takes on average 25 years for it to destroy the immune system. HIV-1 does so in half the time.

The researchers report in *Science* that they followed 805 "commercial sex workers" in Dakar. Ten per cent of uninfected women became HIV-1 positive but only seven out of 187 who had HIV-2 also became infected with HIV-1.

"I think it's protection," Dr Kanki says, although she would not recommend anyone to infect themselves with HIV-2. Dr Frances Gotch of Oxford University, who has studied HIV infection in prostitutes, says: "If we look hard enough we might come across a weakened strain of HIV-2."

Such a strain might confer protection with no risk of developing Aids, although it is feared that no strain of HIV will ever be safe as a vaccine.

Students had seen finals questions

By Paul Wilkinson

NEARLY 80 medical students will have to sit one of their final examinations again after it was found that most of the questions were in a two-year-old paper accidentally shown to them as a sample.

The undergraduates from Leeds University's School of Medicine sat the general medical knowledge multiple-choice paper on Tuesday. The next day it emerged that 41 of the 50 questions had appeared in the 1993 exam, which had been accidentally left in the medical library.

Yesterday after an hour-long meeting of senior academics it was decided the students should retake the 90-minute test. They agreed that, although only one third of those sitting the exam saw the 1993 paper, all the students must resit the exam on June 23, the day before the graduation ball.

Frances Ledgard, the university spokeswoman, said: "The 1993 paper had accidentally got sent with a batch of other medical exam papers to the medical library." Students can read previous papers to familiarise themselves with the methods of examination. "They know that sample papers are deliberately not kept in the library because of the likelihood of questions recurring year after year," Ms Ledgard said.

"Nobody in the library realised the paper, which had sat there for around a year, was in the library, except for about a third of the medics who looked at it, and another third who chose not to. It was not exactly the same paper but it may as well have been."

Crunch decision for crisp eaters

By Paul Wilkinson

TRADES unionists are being asked to boycott a leading brand of crisps. Their leaders say it is "no more Mr Nice Guy", parodying the successful Walkers Crisps advertising campaign with "boy-next-door" Gary Lineker, the former England soccer captain.

Matters came to a crunch between Walkers and the GMB Union after the snack makers decided to end union recognition at its factory in Peterlee, Co Durham. The union is seeking support from all members of the TUC as well as the International Union of Foodworkers in Europe, where Walkers has a large export market.

David Williams, the GMB national secretary for food, said: "I am asking all affiliates and members to support the GMB in its campaign. Gary Lineker's lead has been followed by the company with a no more Mr Nice Guy attitude.

"We will continue the boycott of Walkers until we see a change of attitude and a new recognition from the company that they will negotiate with the elected representatives of their workforce. We have talked to the company to try and reach a new agreement but they seem to have closed minds." The GMB has represented workers at the Walkers factory for 30 years. At present is has 432 members among the 500 staff. However, Walkers' new owners, Pepsico, want to change that.

Earlier this year when the company announced a £12 million expansion creating 200 jobs, the workers agreed a new pay and benefits package separate to GMB negotiations. The company acknowledges the union only for individual diciplinary matters and grievances.

Walkers, which has plants in South Wales, Leicester, Reading, Coventry and Lincolnshire, said: "We consider the actions of the GMB unnecessary and highly irresponsible. Such actions not only threaten the business and jobs of employees but also future investment.

"Their reaction appears to be independent of the vast majority of our employees at Peterlee. Our employees in Peterlee have been offered and accepted a very modern and forward-looking package of pay and benefits that focus on individual choice for the employee and the employee's family."

Change of leader could do more harm than good

John Major is condemned to suffer for a good deal longer. The mood at Westminster often moves at a different pace from opinion in the country. For most voters, it has merely been another week of highly public Tory divisions and incomprehensible allegations. Nothing much new there. But it has been much worse at Westminster, as even the most loyalist ministers admit. It is not all got up by the press. The Tory party is in a mess. The conventional wisdom has become that Mr Major will almost certainly face a challenge in November.

The Prime Minster has been directly confronted with the extent of backbench fractiousness over Europe. He does not frighten Tory MPs into timidity and self-restraint as Baroness Thatcher did. At his meeting with the Euro-sceptics on Tuesday, several MPs were outspoken to the point of rudeness. There is nothing much new in what was said: rather it was the manner in which it was expressed. Admittedly, yesterday there was a reaction, with a backlash from Major loyalists. But that will not solve anything. The wounds have been reopened.

Mr Major's predicament is that there is nothing much he can do in the short term. He is boxed in on Europe. His wait-and-see position on a single currency is, with all his sceptical gloss thrown in, the furthest he can go without provoking an open split. Although hints about a referendum have again been floated by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, that would probably not reduce tensions for long. A referendum is no substitute for a clear policy and is anyway opposed by powerful ministers on both the pro and anti sides.

For all the current examination of options in Whitehall, there are no instant solutions available to revive the housing market, to instil a "feel-good" factor or to deal with crime. The Government is developing new ideas to respond to the insecurities of Middle England, but none is quick acting. Some may be unveiled in the Budget. Others will come in the election manifesto.

Appeals for patience and resolute statements from the Prime Minister, as in his interview with the *Daily Express* yesterday, reveal a sense almost of powerlessness in face of the febrile mood of Tory MPs and the increasingly open manoeuvring over the leadership. There is no easy way for Mr Major to take the initiative. Rhetorical gestures like Harold Wilson's famous "I know what's going on, I'm going on" make little impact nowadays. Nor is much to be hoped from the expected government reshuffle next month. Shifting obviously unpopular, or ineffective, ministers may be necessary, but is likely at best to have a short-term impact.

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After a probably short-lived respite in August, Mr Major faces renewed speculation in September and a troublesome party conference in early October dominated by the sceptics. Mr Major has a chance in his conference speech to push his pre-election agenda. But that will not silence his critics. Meanwhile, the Scott report on the Iraqi arms affair should at last appear in the autumn. This is likely to be somehwere between damaging and dreadful for ministers.

Mr Major's predicament is that he appears the victim, rather than the master, of events. That was why Tuesday's meeting with the sceptics was so damaging. Admittedly, there is no evidence that any other leader would improve the Tories' prospects. Michael Heseltine, now presenting himself as the knight on a white charger, might cover up the cracks for a time. But the divisions over Europe would remain, as would the spending and tax constraints. A change of leadership could in itself seriously damage the Tories, and might enhance, rather than reduce, the appeal of Tony Blair. Mr Major is doing his best, and probably as well as anyone else. The odds are still that he will survive this November, but MPs are now desperate for anything that will save their seats.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Treasury ministers and Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, standing in for the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on the Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order.

In the Lords: debates on the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Bill, the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill, the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill, the Disability Discrimination Bill, and the Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order.

Neither House is sitting today.

The day Major saw flash of enemy steel

By Nicholas Wood and Arthur Leathley

JOHN MAJOR was 15 minutes late for the disastrous meeting with Euro-sceptic MPs that many MPs believe has marked the beginning of the end for his premiership.

After being delayed by Jonathan Aitken's latest scrape, the Prime Minister was pale, tight-lipped and tense as he sat down at 4.15pm on Tuesday to a welcome from Michael Spicer, chairman of the Fresh Start Group of sceptics, and a friendly banging of desks from his audience seated or standing around a rectangular collection of four tables in the large ministerial conference room at the Commons. John Ward, his parliamentary aide, and two of his Downing Street officials, sat silently behind him.

Mr Major seemed surprised that the meeting — planned in secret for over a month until disclosed by *The Times* last week — had attracted an audience of 60 MPs, many of whom are among his sworn enemies. Sitting opposite him was Norman Lamont, the man most widely tipped as a leadership challenger.

All his worst fears were to be realised as an initially well-mannered encounter degenerated into what those present are now describing as an unprecedented snub to the Prime Minister's authority.

Mr Spicer said that the group wanted to discuss two key issues: a European single currency and reclaiming powers from Brussels. Mr Major was invited to start the discussion, setting out in a talk lasting 12 minutes his determination to defend the British veto and to prevent further European encroachments at the inter-governmental conference next year.

Then he turned to the single currency, spending most of his time trying to persuade his audience of his scepticism about the practicalities of economic and monetary union. But the option should not be ruled out now.

As one MP said yesterday: "He was falling over backwards to tell us how sceptical he was about a single currency."

Mr Spicer then invited Barry Legg, a Thatcherite new boy from the 1992 intake, to put the sceptic viewpoint on a single currency. He was followed by John Townend, the chairman of the backbench Tory finance committee. It was at that point that the meeting caught fire.

Mr Townend, not known for pulling his punches, urged the Prime Minister to stop prevaricating over a single currency. "As far as most people in the party are concerned, Prime Minister, it is time for you to come off the fence. The vast majority in the party and the country would welcome a statement by you that as long as you are Prime Minister you would not advise the Commons to accept a single currency."

The cheers that echoed around the room as Mr Townend finished were Mr Major's first warning that he was losing his audience. He did not respond at once as other MPs, including Mr Lamont and Sir George Gardiner, leader of the backbench Tory Right, joined the battle.

Mr Lamont said that if a single currency would be wrong in principle in 1999, it was wrong now. Sir George disputed Mr Major's contention that business leaders wanted a single currency and said that people wanted a clear lead from the Prime Minister over a single currency. "We cannot fight on a wait-and-see platform."

With the temperature rising, Mr Major came back, in the eyes of his critics exposing a glaring contradiction between his stated doubts about the practicality of a single currency and his insistence that no decision need be made until 1999 at the earliest. He also said the public were not much interested in Europe — a point that was to be thrown back in his face in the tempestuous final minutes of the meeting. Graham Riddick told him that when it came to Canadian fish, the public were all too interested in Europe.

The second main speaker from the floor, Iain Duncan-Smith, said that Mr Major had to halt the centralising momentum in Europe. Saying no to more powers was not enough. The existing treaties had their own ratchet effect.

By now the knives were out. As Mr Major contradicted Mr Duncan-Smith, Bernard Jenkin called out: "It's not true." Mr Major snapped back: "It is true."

By now, he was being subjected to extraordinary barracking. Cries of "No, No," greeted his attempts to defend his position. Bill Cash was one of those who took him on. "Bill," he retorted, "you have always misrepresented what I achieved at Maastricht."

Sir Ivan Lawrence launched an open assault, insisting that for all the rights and wrongs of the technical arguments, the Tories could not win an election after the Prime Minister's approach to a single currency. "You say Europe is not top of people's agenda. It is up to us to put it at the top and just as you are arguing against devolution as a derogation of sovereignty, so you must argue over a single currency. Give a lead on this and you find a popular response."

By 5.30pm Mr Major and his entourage had gone after perfunctory applause. Around the table and among those standing at the back, faces were grim. As one MP said: "I can see 33 names all right."

All eyes are on Lamont

By Nicholas Wood

THE former Chancellor Norman Lamont is the name most widely touted at Westminster as a potential "stalking horse" challenger to John Major in the autumn.

Mr Lamont, who nurses a bitter sense of injustice over his sacking from the Cabinet two years ago, has never categorically denied that he might run if 33 MPs agree to support a challenge. He has also emerged as Mr Major's most coherent and articulate critic since observing in his resignation statement that the Government gave the impression of being in office but not in power.

Kenneth Baker, another political heavyweight, is sometimes mentioned as a possible challenger. A backbench maverick such as Sir Richard Body, Teresa Gorman, John Carlisle or Tony Marlow could also be brought to the starting line.

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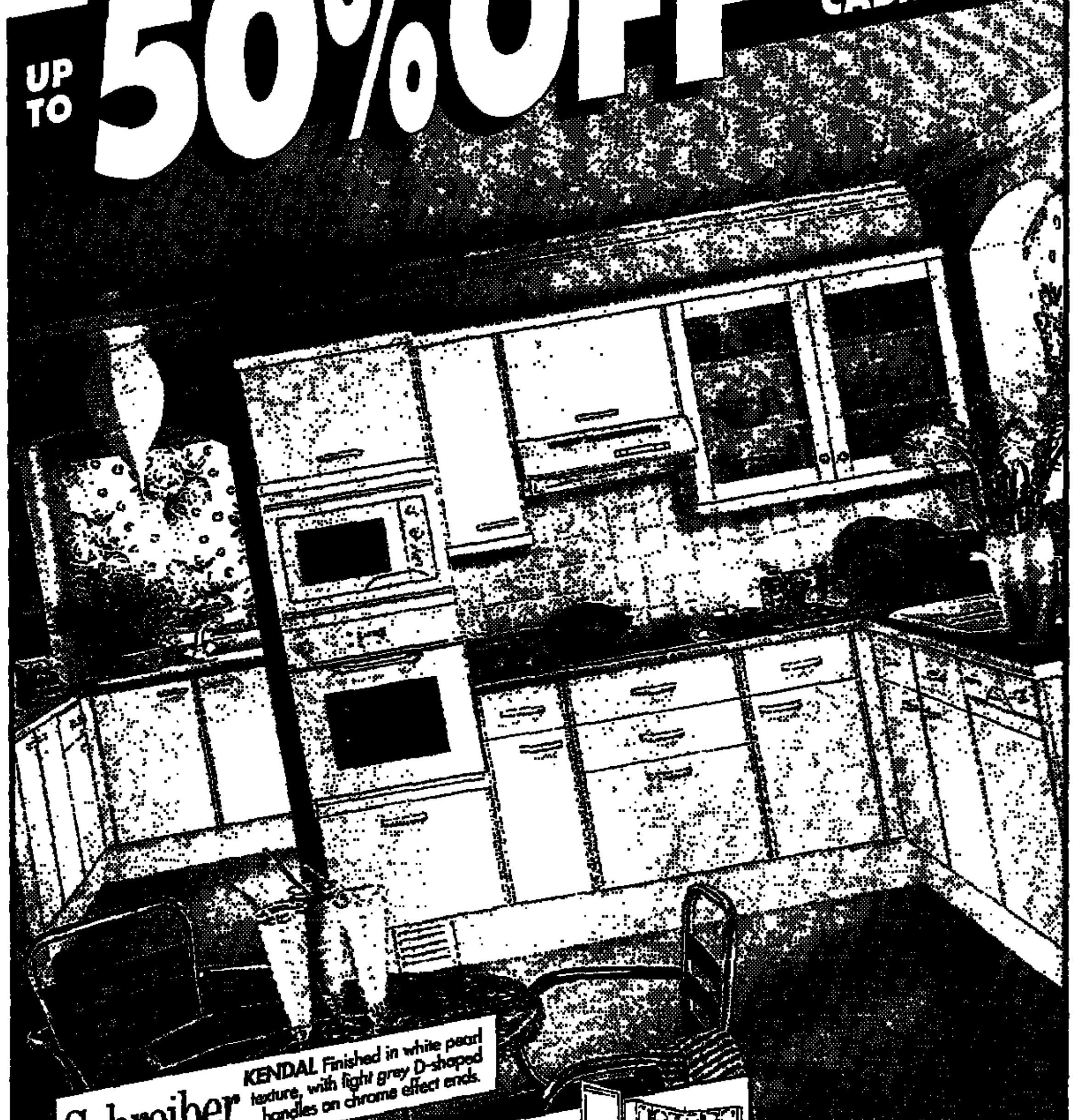

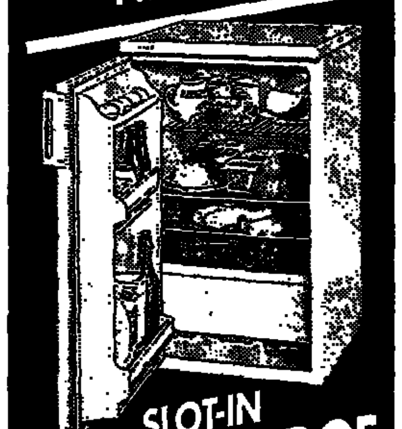

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Chirac tackles US logjam over cash for Bosnia force

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE UN Security Council was poised last night to approve the deployment of British. French and Dutch reinforcements for the UN force in Bosnia after the French President intervened directly with Republican leaders in Congress to sort out problems over financing.

Jacques Chirac held talks in Washington on Wednesday with President Clinton, as well as with Robert Dole and Newt Gingrich, the Republican leaders.

On a visit to UN headquarters yesterday, M Chirac expressed confidence that the Republicans would now back the Administration's request to pay its normal 31 per cent share of the cost of the new UN force, estimated at $400 million (£250 million) for the first six months.

In London, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said Britain expects the US Administration to continue to give its full support to the deployment of the Rapid Reaction Force. The Americans will have to foot 31 per cent of the annual bill for the reinforcements, even though the Americans are not providing any of the ground troops for the two brigades that make up the reaction force.

Mr Rifkind said the new force would be funded by the UN, not by the individual countries contributing the troops, and under the usual rules Washington would have to pay its share. He said it would be considerably cheaper for the Americans to help pay for the Rapid Reaction Force than it would be if the UN peacekeepers were withdrawn. "If there was a withdrawal, the US is committed to sending [25,000] troops and that would cost far more."

The Rapid Reaction Force, consisting of the British 24 Airmobile Brigade and a multinational brigade, including troops from Britain, France, The Netherlands, Canada and New Zealand, cannot start deploying until the Security Council gives the go-ahead for raising the level of peacekeepers in Bosnia by another 10,000.

Mr Rifkind, who is due to fly to New York on Tuesday when he will see Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, and later William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, in Washington, said he hoped the Security Council would be able to make a decision next week.

He said the US Administration was unwavering in its support for sending a Rapid Reaction Force, but there were some people in Congress who were balking at the cost.

It was not the US Administration which had blocked or delayed the funding agreement, he said, because President Clinton had not only welcomed the new force but had also agreed to provide more aircraft cover for the UN troops and more intelligence help. Mr Rifkind said the mere announcement of a Rapid Reaction Force had played a material part in persuading the Bosnian Serbs to release the majority of UN hostages. The approval for the reaction force had originally been expected last week and there is growing frustration in London over the delay in New York, especially since the British Government had responded so quickly with the offer of 24 Airmobile Brigade, after the violent Serb retaliation to the Nato air strikes. New York diplomats said the Clinton Administration, which had annoyed its European allies by delaying a vote because of the need to consult Congress, expected a letter from the Republican leadership that would allow the Security Council to vote. A Security Council decision would enable Britain's 6,000-member 24 Airmobile Brigade to start moving into Bosnia and will be in place within 30 days.

M Chirac said that the Bosnian Government's troop build-up near Sarajevo would not affect plans to send the reinforcements, some of which were already in place. But he issued a warning that a Bosnian offensive would be a "grave mistake" and would lead to a "very dangerous situation". The president of the Security Council summoned Bosnia's UN Ambassador to express concern about the troop movements. M Chirac promised that four Serbs captured by French UN forces during a battle for a UN post in Sarajevo would be freed as soon as all the remaining UN peacekeepers had been released. In Sarajevo, the United Nations refused Radovan Karadzic's offer to release the remaining 26 UN peacekeepers being held hostage in exchange for the four Bosnian Serbs. Another 91 UN peacekeepers are still blocked in positions near Sarajevo. "We are still demanding an unconditional release. The four Serbs being held and the remaining UN hostages are two separate issues," a UN spokesman in Sarajevo said.

Bosnian government troops parade a Russian-built T55 tank that they had retaken from a UN heavy weapons collection depot in Sarajevo

Croats watch foes join battle amid roar of artillery

Anthony Loyd observes the Muslim offensive against Serbs from a Croatian army vantage point on Mala Kokoska, central Bosnia

THE sun filtered gently through the forest canopy and, except for the distant shelling in the valleys to the north and south, the hillside was silent. Only the occasional nervous finger-tapping of a Croat HVO soldier on his assault rifle gave an indication of the tension.

The soldiers were manning a trench line that had long been abandoned, a relic of their 11-month war against the Bosnian Government army which ended in the spring of last year. Yet, as a party of five HVO officers followed it in a slow ascent, the bunkers became deeper; fresh earth indicated recent work. A sudden turn in the defence line marked an otherwise invisible boundary: less than 200 yards away, across no man's land, were the Serbs.

Hours before, a dawn barrage across the frontlines northwest of Sarajevo had broken two weeks of mounting tension as Bosnian forces massed in the area of Visoko, signalling the start of their push westwards against the Serbs besieging Sarajevo.

The new offensive could once and for all push the United Nations into confronting the futility of its peacekeeping mandate and precipitate its withdrawal or an intervention. One UN officer asked rhetorically: "What are we going to do? Call in more airstrikes against the Serbs or sit here and let it wash us away? There isn't even a trace of the Rapid Reaction Force in sight yet."

As the group walked slowly forward, the silence was rent in a continuous rolling of gunfire. Assault rifles, machine guns and anti-aircraft fire, punctuated by rocket propelled grenades and mortar rounds, tore into the Serb positions. Bosnian troops, fleeting figures in the foliage below us, moved parallel to the Croatian line to take on their enemy beyond.

The Croats watched. Three years ago the HVO and Bosnian Government army had been allied against the Serbs. But a bloody internecine war broke their allegiance, pitting them against one another. The conception of the Bosnian-Croatian federation meant that once more they were allies.

Yet old enmity dies hard, and military co-operation between the two sides had been limited to localised operations of mutual convenience. Suspicions had been especially strong around Kiseljak, centre of the Croatian pocket on whose periphery we now stood, and a gateway to the Serb-held area blockading Sarajevo. It is the hub of an HVO enclave surrounded on three sides by government troops, and on one side by the Serbs. The Croats had maintained good relations with the Serbs throught the war in central Bosnia, even borrowing equipment with which to fight the Bosnians.

"Look, there's a Turk sniper," said one of the Croat soldiers pejoratively of the Bosnian who scrambled in the bushes below and fired towards the Serbs. The bullets tore through the branches around us and a Bosnian heavy machine gun realigned its fire-support position, sending rounds overhead.

But federal politics appeared to be winning, in a shady Bosnian fashion, and most of the Croat soldiers reserved their criticisn for the "Chetnik" Serbs. Though not contributing their infantry to join the battle, convoys of HVO artillery had streamed into the zone over the previous days, providing the heavy weapons support the Bosnian army otherwise lacked.

"It is the biggest federal operation ever," confided an HVO major. "It may be one of necessity, but it must succeed. Together with the Muslims we are a strong force, and if we can deblockade Sarajevo, the Serbs must come to the negotiating table and end this war. The events of the coming weeks will shape the destiny of this state."

Bosnian Serbs call for help

Pale: The self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament yesterday voted in favour of unification with separatist Serbs in neighbouring Croatia, the SRNA news agency said.

The move came as Momcilo Krajisnik, the Speaker of the assembly, issued a call to arms to all Serbs to defend what he called the "Serb Republic".

He said: "We have launched an appeal to all citizens living abroad to come to defend their nation. Our enemies have concentrated all their troops against the Serb Republic with the aim of marginalising us politically and defeating us militarily. The Serb Republic will defend itself and we will mobilise all our available forces."

The secessionist Krajina Serb assembly in Croatia has already adopted a constitutional law allowing it to link up with their allies in Bosnia. The breakaway Croatian Serbs currently control about a quarter of Croatian territory. Both self-declared republics have been increasingly isolated by their former ally, Serbia. *(AFP)*

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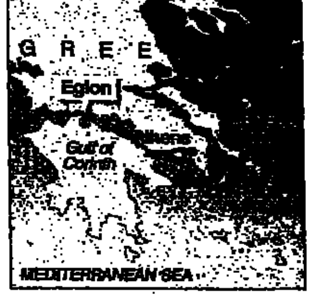
Athens physics professor predicted disaster at Greek resort which killed tourists

17 die after warnings of quake are ridiculed

From Eve-Ann Prentice in Athens

AN EARTHQUAKE in Greece which left at least 17 dead and tens of thousands living outdoors yesterday was predicted last month by an Athens physics professor who is locked in a bitter dispute with Greek seismologists.

But as rescue workers tore at mounds of rubble in stifling heat to free people trapped in the debris of the quake, it emerged that the warning was relayed to London, because of hostility from Greek authorities.



Yesterday's rescue efforts were concentrated in the western seaside tourist resort of Egion. The early-morning quake, measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale, destroyed a wing of the Eliki Hotel and a block of flats at the resort, on the Gulf of Corinth, where most of the victims perished. At least four French tourists were killed at the hotel and six Greeks and an Italian woman died when the apartment block collapsed.

In the midst of the hotel rubble, George Taxiarhis, the chief fireman, shouted: "I can hear her crying. My God, she's alive. Let's hurry or she will soon suffocate." Ten firemen rushed to move huge concrete blocks with their bare hands, and two hours later a crowd of 100 people outside the hotel cheered and clapped as blood-stained Murielle Petit, a 33-year-old French gymnast, was pulled from the wreckage. "She will make it. Her legs and some ribs are broken, but she has no internal bleeding," said Antonia Papazakli, a doctor. "She was very, very lucky."

Flora Katsarioti, a resident in the flats, said: "We were awakened by a roar and then debris covered us. I was sleeping with my fiancé and I could hear my mother's cries in the other room, but rubble separated us. We escaped through a hole in the wall and climbed down ... We left my mother behind because there was nothing we could do in the dark. I don't know if she is alive and I can't believe that we survived."

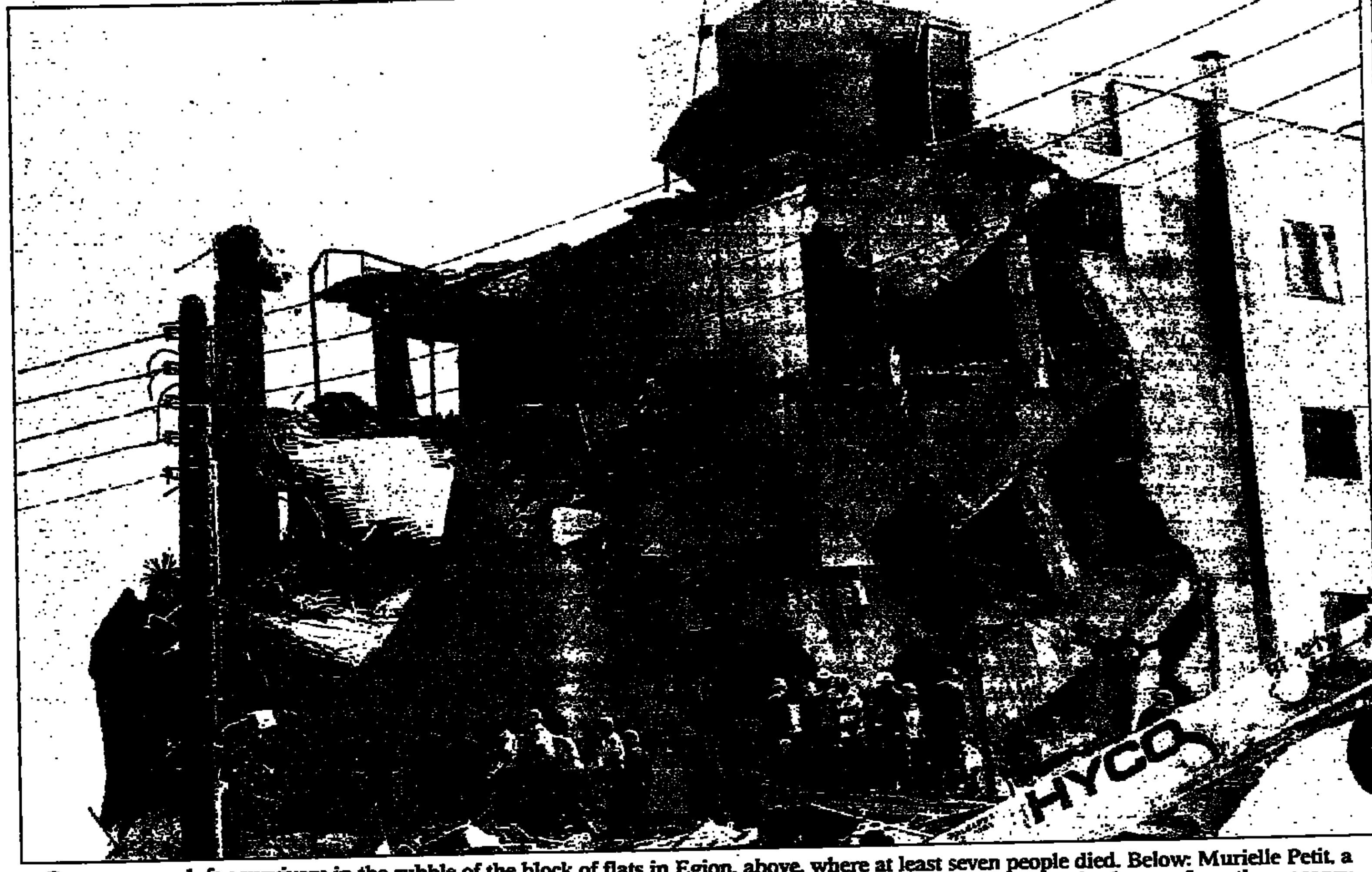
Brian Clavaud, a French tourist, said: "The hotel collapsed in five seconds, like a house of cards. It was like ten people picked up my bed and threw it out the balcony."

Police were expecting sniffer dogs and more rescue teams from Athens. "We believe there are children trapped in the apartment block," a senior officer said.

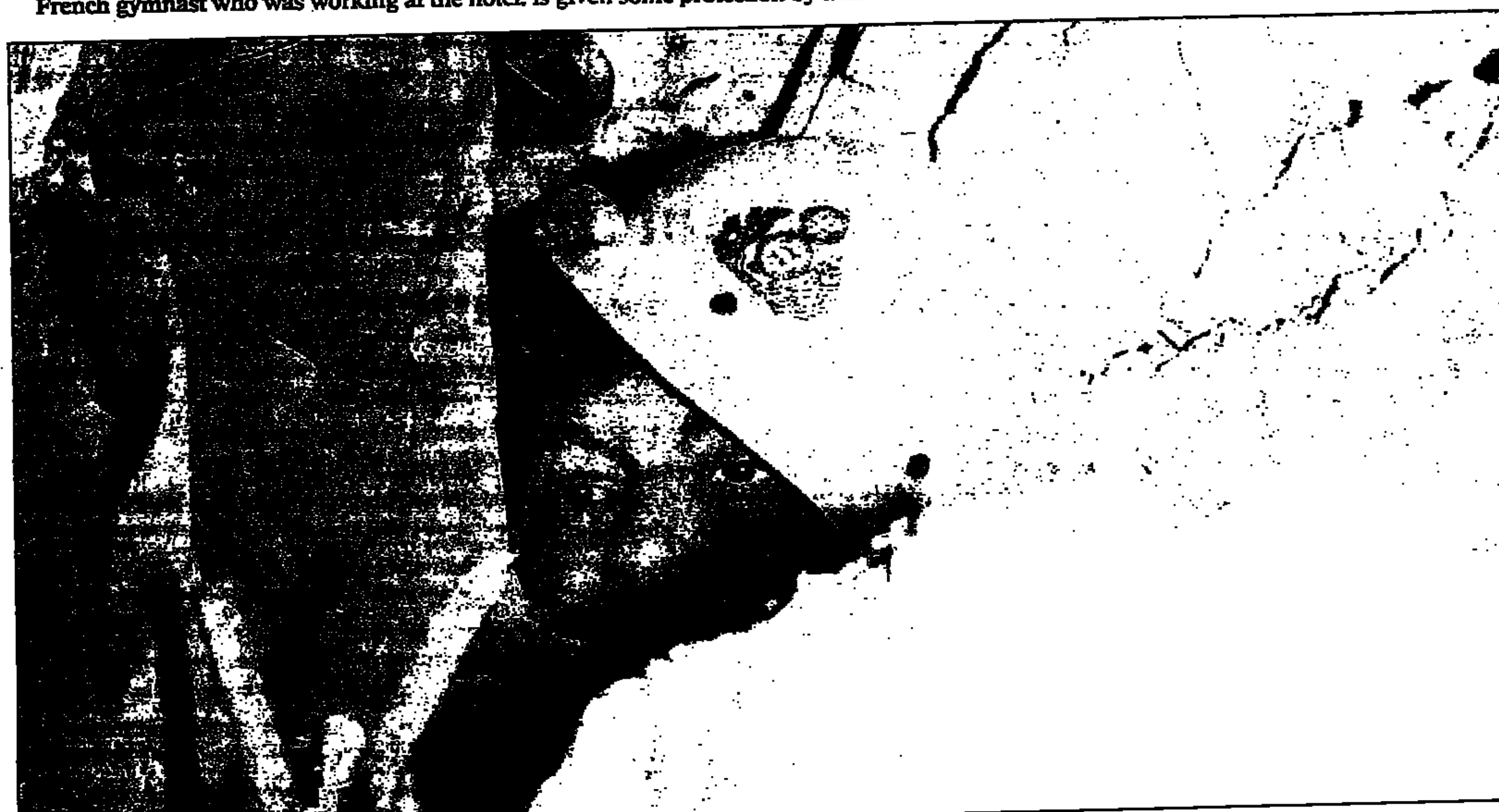
The frantic efforts were marked by the revelation that Professor Panayotis Varotsos, of Athens University, has predicted several earthquakes, including yesterday's. But his work has drawn fury from Greek seismologists, who prefer traditional methods.

Professor Varotsos passed his prediction of yesterday's quake to Sir James Lighthill, the distinguished mathematician and former Provost of University College London. Professor Varotsos maintains that electrical signals are emitted between one and four weeks before an earthquake and he uses them in his predictions.

Yesterday Sir James said: "We all knew of this prediction made in May ... There is no doubt that he expected this."



Rescuers search for survivors in the rubble of the block of flats in Egion, above, where at least seven people died. Below: Murielle Petit, a French gymnast who was working at the hotel, is given some protection by a fireman's helmet as she waits to be dug out from the masonry



Chechens hold 300 hostages in hospital

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

RUSSIAN negotiators opened talks with Chechen militants holding hundreds of civilian hostages in the southern town of Budennovsk yesterday, as the authorities launched a countrywide crackdown against the threat of further attacks.

Thousands of Interior Ministry troops and anti-terrorist units were deployed in southern Russia in response to Wednesday's raid, when 40 people were killed and 300 taken hostage in Budennovsk's hospital. Major-General Vakha Ibragimov, a former Interior Minister in Chechenia, who is in charge of the negotiations, said the talks could last several days but the authorities reserved the right to free the hostages by force.

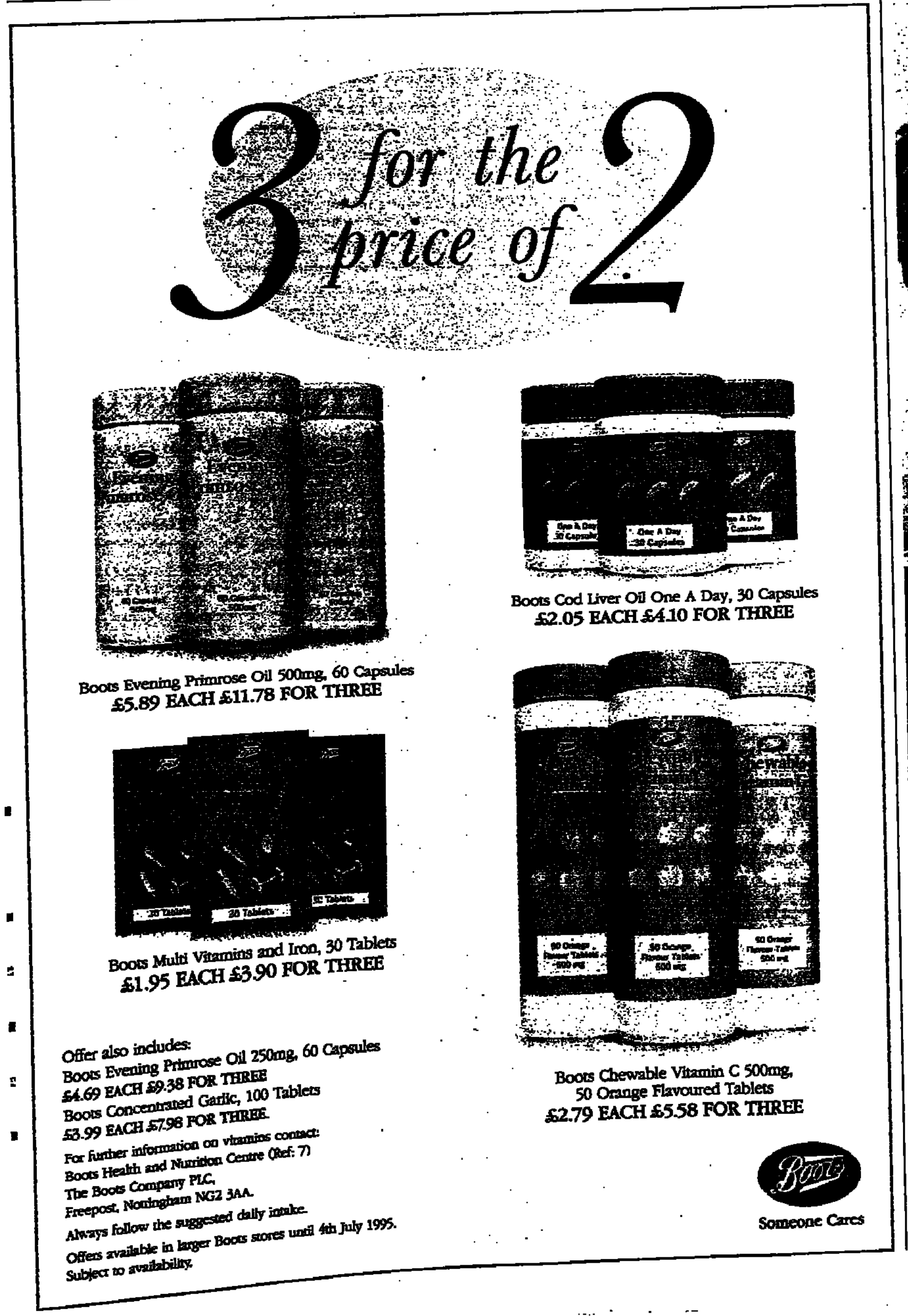
The Chechens have apparently demanded that the six-month Russian offensive in their republic be halted. They said that, if anti-terrorist teams attempted to storm the hospital, ten hostages would be killed for every Chechen casualty.

Last night President Yeltsin urged Russians to stay calm and said that the authorities were doing everything in their power to free the hostages. He also hinted that officials who allowed the Chechens to travel unchallenged 50 miles into Russia might be punished.

Residents of the sleepy industrial town of 100,000 walked round in a daze after the daylight raid by an estimated 100 heavily armed fighters. Bodies were laid in rows on the street, while firemen tried to put out fires caused during the heavy fighting.

"They took hostages in the main square, opened fire at the building of the tax police, and erected a green [Chechen] flag on one of the buildings of the local administration," said a teacher. "They opened fire at the doors of nearby buildings. They seized women and those who tried to resist were shot."

Officials said that among the 300 hostages were 60 patients from the hospital, including children and expectant mothers, and that appeals for their release on humanitarian grounds had been rejected.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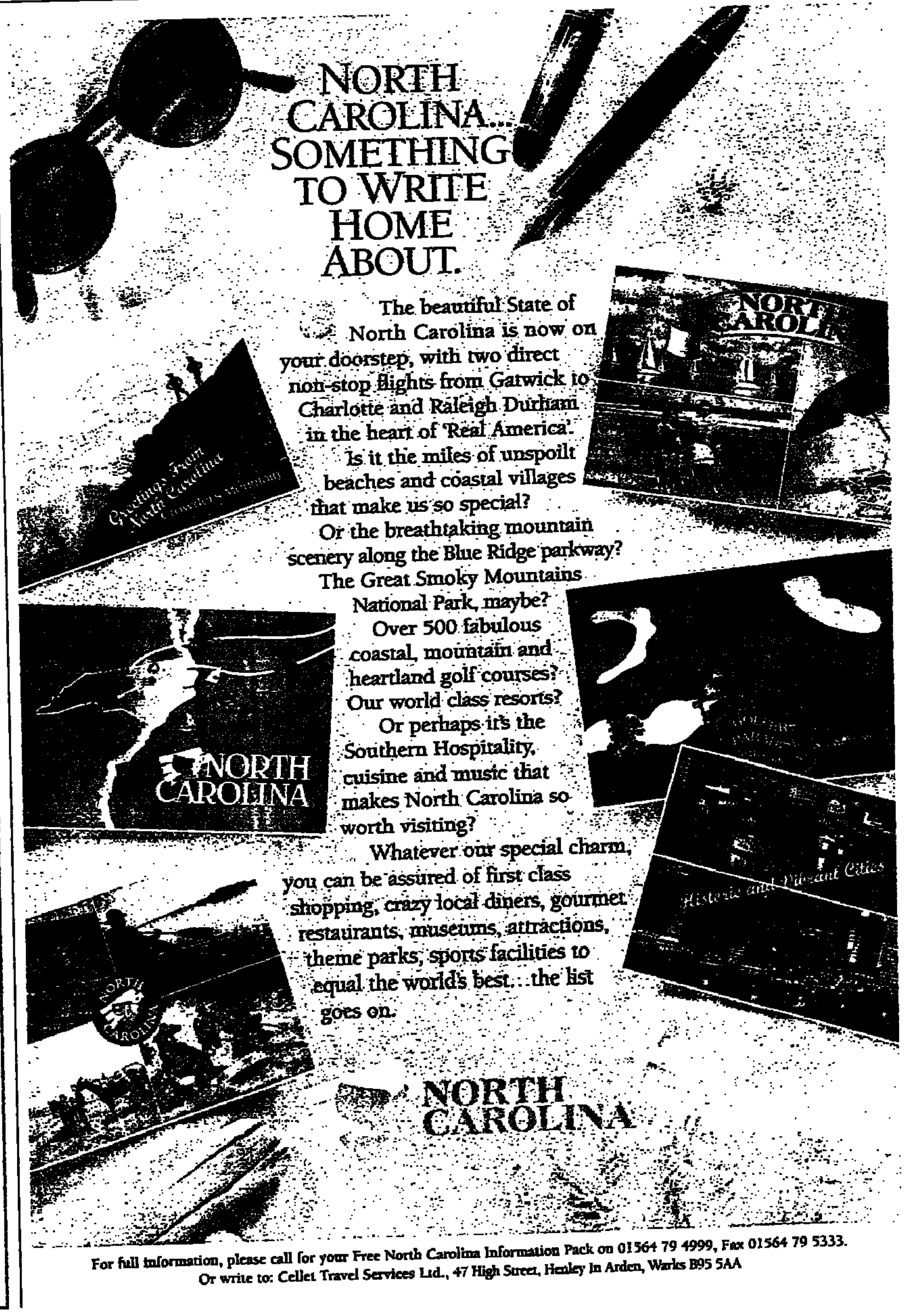
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Bosnia threatens to dominate talks of world leaders

From Phillip Webster and Martin Fletcher in Halifax, Nova Scotia
and Richard Beeston in Moscow

G7 SUMMIT

WORLD leaders arriving in Halifax last night for the G7 summit of leading industrial nations were greeted by news of the Bosnian Government's offensive to lift the 38-month siege of Sarajevo.

The war in the former Yugoslavia threatened again to dominate the annual gathering as questions were raised over whether the prospect of the bloodiest confrontation yet with the Serbs would affect plans to strengthen the peacekeeping forces.

President Clinton is impatient that Congress is holding up agreement on the new rapid reaction force because of queries over costing. John Major is seeking early implementation of the UN resolution raising the ceiling on the number of UN troops allowed in Bosnia.

Indications that the Bosnian Government has decided to try to break through Serb lines may ease the pressure on Mr Clinton from American politicians calling for a lifting of the embargo on supplying arms to the Bosnians.

Another urgent issue facing the heads of state here was the threat of a damaging trade war between America and Japan over US access to Japanese car markets. In Halifax last night. Mr Clinton met Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, as his Administration expressed the hope that a trade war could still be averted.

US officials said they were encouraged by Japan's agreement to hold further talks in Geneva next week to try to resolve the row before America imposes 100 per cent tariffs on Japanese luxury cars on June 28. That drastic step would provoke certain Japanese retaliation.

After a meeting yesterday morning between Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and Yohei Kono, his Japanese counterpart, a senior State Department official said: "I would point you towards Geneva for some real progress on this issue." Neither Mr Clinton nor Mr Christopher gave any indication that America was prepared to make concessions.

A settlement still appeared far off, with Mr Clinton and Mr Murayama both weak politically and unable to risk being seen to be backing down. The President cannot afford to lose the support his stand against Japanese protectionism has won him in the key electoral states of Michigan, Ohio and Missouri, where most American cars are made.

There was no support for America's unilateral strong-arm tactics among the other G7 leaders, who argued that the US was undermining the new World Trade Organisation established in January to resolve such disputes.

President Yeltsin of Russia will arrive in Halifax today in combative mood. He is expected to hit back at Western critics of his campaign in Chechenia, by accusing the Chechen rebels of terrorism after their bloody assault on the town of Budennovsk.

As the Russian leader made final preparations for this trip, officials admitted that the raid could not have come at a more timely moment to strengthen Russia's case. Western leaders will find it hard to berate the Russian leader for his six-month campaign in the breakaway republic as the civilian death toll mounts.

One Russian diplomat said that the incident proved that Russia was up against a terrorist problem and challenged any Western country not to respond with tough military action if a similar raid had happened in one of the G7 nations.

Clinton and Major act to beat the bombers

By Philip Webster
and Martin Fletcher

TERRORISM

AN international initiative to combat terrorism is to be proposed jointly by President Clinton and John Major at the G7 summit of leading industrial nations in Halifax.

After talks between counter-terrorist experts from Britain, the United States, Japan and the other G7 countries, proposals for exchanging information are expected to be agreed.

Officials say it could become a worldwide network. If the plan goes through, the intelligence details of every big bomb attack, shooting, kidnapping or other serious incident will be shared among the countries involved. There would also be swapping of profiles of known or suspected terrorists and their paymasters, and details of their movements. The Prime Minister telephoned Mr Clinton soon after the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19 and offered the help of British counter-terrorism agencies in tracking down the perpetrators. Mr Clinton acknowledged that the Americans, until then largely unaffected by urban terrorism, could learn from Britain's long war against the IRA.

Informal discussions between the summit "sherpas" had already been considering ways of promoting progress on the issue. But the Oklahoma disaster, and the nerve gas outrage on the Tokyo underground, have ensured that terrorism will be a key item on the agenda. When President Yeltsin joins the summiteers tonight for the "G8" political discussions, he will be urged to join the international effort, particularly because of growing concern over the smuggling of nuclear materials in Russia.

Presidents Clinton and Chirac face the press in Washington before the summit

Warrant issued for arrest of defiant Greenpeace skipper

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

BRENT SPAR

A WARRANT for the arrest of the man leading the Shell Spar campaign was issued yesterday in Edinburgh.

Jonathan Castle, captain of the *Altair*, the Greenpeace ship shadowing the Brent Spar, a disused oil platform, in the north Atlantic, failed to appear at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday. In issuing the arrest warrant, Lord Johnston said: "What we have seen is a blatant attempt to defy the authority of this court." He said that obeying the court was more important than any cause "however genuinely felt or fought for".

In The Netherlands, Henk Bonder, a spokesman for Shell Netherlands, admitted that public opinion did not favour the dumping of the disused oil platform at sea. His remarks were the first public indication that Shell may be prepared to reconsider its plans for disposing of the Brent Spar. Until now, Shell has made much of the fact that their disposal scheme has the full backing of the British Government.

Yesterday, both Shell and the Government were officially saying that there were no plans to abort the dumping of the Brent Spar, now only days away from its final resting place. Whitehall sources said that the cost of changing the plan at this late stage could be very high. The taxpayer is likely to foot the bill of up to £5 million, in the form of tax rebates to Shell, but an alternative scheme now could prove more costly. The Department of Trade and Industry said the plan to bury the platform at sea was the best "environmentally and in every other way".

Yesterday, Greenpeace called for a Britain-wide boycott of Shell petrol stations. It said: "Motorists should choose other petrol stations while Shell pursues its dumping policy." The company has nearly 2,000 filling stations in Britain, one-third of which are franchised. Nearly all of the employees in Shell's UK retail chain are remunerated according to how much they sell, a company spokesman said yesterday. He said it was too early to discuss financial compensation for retailers.

He said: "We will be informing our retailers of Greenpeace's call and we will be explaining our decision to dispose of the Brent Spar at sea. We have taken expert advice and consulted with interested parties such as fishermen. This is the safest method of disposing of the Brent Spar and is in line with best oil industry practice. It has the backing of many environmentalists and the British Government. Greenpeace's claims are alarmist and misleading."

There was no attempt by sheriff officers to arrest Mr Castle, who was at the helm of the *Altair* yesterday.

At lunchtime, the Brent Spar was reported to be 50 miles northwest of Muckle Flugga lighthouse in north Shetland.

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Forced to keep green and clean amid the drizzle

From Michael Binyon

ENVIRONMENT

The environment rules in Halifax. World leaders found yesterday that they had plunged into a cold, green Canadian sea of environmental correctness where wasting paper, duplicating documents, drinking from disposable cups or polluting the clear, damp air with smoke are as shocking as sending troops into Chechenia or letting your currency collapse.

The smallest city after Williamsburg ever to host the annual summer jamboree, Halifax is determined to impress its clean, dour, frugal Scottish heritage on the 5,000 paper-wasters who make up the G7. Waste not and the world shall not want is the message to the prodigal industrialists of Germany, America and Japan.

Special photocopying paper that can reproduce words on both sides of the page has been thrust in front of officials. Coloured plastic bins are on hand for recycling paper. "Eco-logos" and the tyrannical recycling smile are stamped everywhere. The summit posters have been sprinkled with seeds so that they can be planted and the bio-degradable message can blossom later.

Not a penny more than is needed will be spent on the £13 million summit, which boasts that it is £500,000 cheaper than the Toronto show in 1988. Corporate sponsorship has kept down the costs: more than 60 companies are doing their bit for world peace; the three-day song and dance festival is funded by Air Canada, the phone company is providing hospitality bags, and the summit venue — a squat, green-glass building known as the Green Toad that overlooks the harbour — has been lent for the occasion by Kodak, its tenants. Even the two cherrywood negotiating tables have been borrowed from Italy and recycled from last year's Naples summit.

Less show business, more business is the theme. A modest firework display this evening is the only civil entertainment. Spouses, those long-suffering summit faithfuls who traipse around orphanages and historic churches while their husbands settle the markets, this year have a less taxing itinerary: visits to an art gallery and fisheries museum, a stroll through historic Lunenburg town centre, and lunch with Mrs Chrétien.

The weather helps. Halifax boasts, after Sydney, the world's largest natural harbour, a spectacular haven along the craggy, granite Atlantic shoreline. But the city is usually fogbound, and when the fog lifts it rains. Two days of continuous drizzle have kept most of the "sherpas" and journalists indoors, to the chagrin of the shopkeepers and tourist authorities.

At least Halifax has spared its visitors the police sirens, cavalcades and swaggering carabinieri that sealed off the centre of Naples last year. The Mounties, of course, are on hand and have gone through the ritual of sealing manholes, plunging into the harbour and scaling rooftops. But no one expects a terrorist threat.

Indeed, there are so few police on hand — perhaps a mere 1,000 — that they are in danger of being outnumbered by President Clinton's crewcut Secret Service. It is hoped to avoid the embarrassment of 1986 when Nato Foreign Ministers met here. No one told the US teams that a cannon on Citadel Hill overlooking the harbour is fired daily at noon. When it went off, US agents assumed their crouched positions.

Halifax, founded in 1749 and named after Lord Halifax, then President of the Board of Trade, knows all about the explosive dangers of ignoring environmental safety. Until this week, the city is probably best known for being the victim of the most massive explosion ever to occur until the dropping of the atomic bomb.

On a bright December day in 1917 a Belgian relief ship headed down the harbour narrows for the open sea and collided with the *Mont Blanc*, a French ship stacked to the decks with 35 tons of benzol, 300 rounds of ammunition, 2,300 tons of picric acid and 400,000lb of TNT.

As the blaze broke out, the terrified crew jumped ashore, but hundreds gathered at the harbour to watch the collision. Twenty minutes later a blinding flash killed more than 1,900 people instantly, injured 9,000, laid waste 350 acres of the town, threw the ship's half-ton anchor two miles across the city, and shattered windows 50 miles away.

Haligonians — as the city's residents are known — have never forgotten the disaster: the Atlantic seaboard has never recovered the prosperity of those days. They are hoping that this will be a safe, clean summit. But all talk of "Big Bang" economics is anathema.

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Pacific states urge Chirac to heed Mururoa outcry

From Roger Maynard
in Sydney

THE 15 member nations of the South Pacific Forum yesterday stepped up their campaign against France's decision to resume nuclear testing at Mururoa atoll with a strongly worded statement expressing their "unequivocal opposition" to the move.

Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister and the current chairman of the forum, said President Chirac should listen to the international condemnation. "The immediate, widespread public antagonism to France's decision right across the South Pacific reflects the resentment felt by our peoples," he said.

Mr Keating revealed that the forum would consider sending a delegation to Paris led by Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, *to convey its concern to the* French Government. But he ruled out Australian trade sanctions against France.

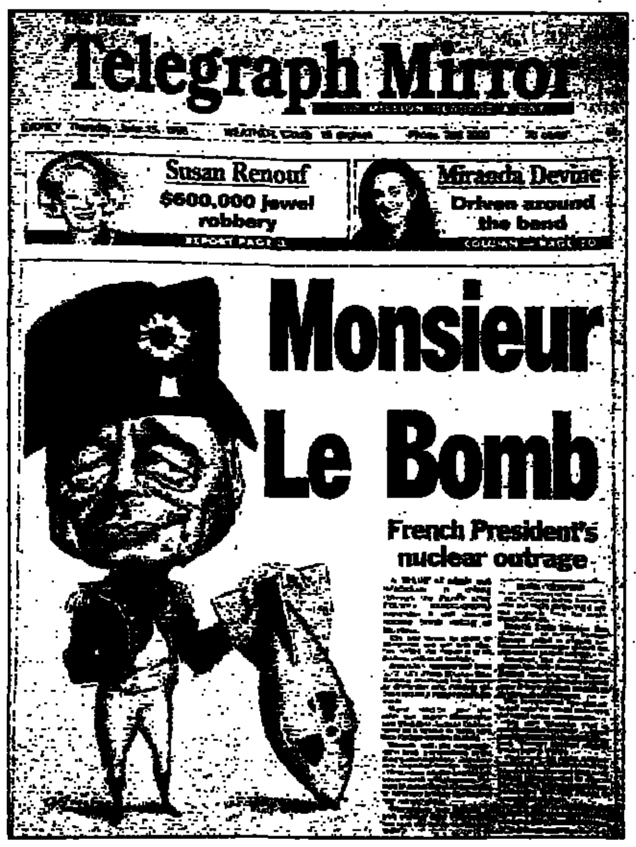
New Zealand, too, piled on the pressure, indicating that France could be squeezed out of a multimillion-pound military deal. Don McKinnon, the Foreign Minister, said military procurement would be a tangible area of protest, and would affect France more than New Zealand.

On board the Greenpeace flagship, *Rainbow Warrior II*, which sailed for Mururoa atoll from Auckland on Wednesday, Steve Sawyer said they had been overwhelmed by messages of support from all over the world. "Judging by the level of interest in our voyage and in the issue, we have been able to provide a sort of focus to the opposition that exists to the resumption of nuclear tests," he said.

But the spokesman refused to be drawn on their plans when the vessel reached the test site in about two weeks' time. "What precisely we will do when we get there will depend on what happens between now and then on a political level, and on a tactical level it will depend on what sort of response we get from the French authorities when we arrive," Mr Sawyer added.

In Australia, politicians, trade unions and environmental groups urged a boycott of French goods yesterday. Staff of the Australian airline, Qantas, voted not to serve passengers French wine.

An unusual protest came from Australia's sex industry, which is to boycott French-made sex toys, adult videotapes and erotic magazines. The Eros Foundation is also urging its 200 trade members to stop ordering French maids' outfits and French knickers.



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$600,000 jewel robbery

Miranda Devine
Driven around the band

Monsieur Le Bomb

French President's nuclear outrage

A Sydney newspaper's attack on President Chirac

France to sign pact on global test ban

From Reuter
in Geneva

PRESIDENT Chirac's decision to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific was defended yesterday at the UN-sponsored Disarmament Conference in Geneva.

But Gerard Errera, the French Ambassador, reaffirmed that his country would sign a global treaty next year banning underground blasts. He said: "This decision was taken because it was necessary . . . It will be the last series."

France says it will halt the tests in time to sign a comprehensive test ban treaty in 1996. The Geneva-based Disarmament Conference, which has 38 member states, hopes to wrap up negotiations on the treaty by the end of the year. It would extend a 1963 Moscow pact banning tests in the atmosphere and under water to include underground blasts.

Japan's Ambassador took the floor to express Tokyo's "severe disappointment" with France, while New Zealand's Ambassador informed the conference of his country's "outrage".

☐ Majuro: Fifty years after being evacuated from their homes, Bikini islanders early next year will begin cleaning up the radiation left on their atoll by 23 American nuclear tests, in the hope that they can live there again. They have rejected plans to turn their home into an international nuclear waste dump. *(AFP)*

Iraqi forces crush rebel battalion in Baghdad battle

By Christopher Walker, Middle East Correspondent

IRAQI special forces are reported to have crushed a mutiny outside Baghdad yesterday. The general leading the rebel armoured unit was said to have committed suicide.

The rebels were cut off by the 2nd and 6th Special Forces after the revolt was launched on Wednesday. General Turki Ismail al-Dulaimi's forces were wiped out as they tried to march on Abu Gharib jail, 12 miles west of Baghdad, to release prisoners held since unrest broke out in western Iraq in the middle of last month.

The rebels attacked Baghdad Radio transmitters and a presidential heliport in the military zone of Abu Gharib, triggering a battle involving tanks, armoured vehicles and helicopters. An air force general was reported killed. But General al-Dulaimi's battalion failed to cross the seven miles between the transmitter station and the jail.

General al-Dulaimi had vowed to fight to the death. According to one report, he committed suicide as he witnessed his battalion — about 1,200 soldiers — being routed. Another account stated that he was killed in the battle.

The fighting between the troops and tribal elements near Baghdad had posed no threat to the regime of President Saddam Hussein, Western and Israeli intelligence analysts said yesterday. They believed it was only another piece of evidence of continued unrest among certain sections of his poorly supplied army. Drivers and passengers who made the 650-mile journey along the Baghdad-Amman highway which runs close to the spot where the mutiny was reported on Wednesday, saw no sign of trouble or unusual security activity.

In the Jordanian capital, Amman, the main listening post for intelligence surveillance of Baghdad, diplomats were sceptical of opposition group accounts, notably those from Syria. Later, the Iraqi Ministry of Culture and Information gave Reuters news agency permission to visit the area where transmitters had allegedly come under attack.

Similarly, calm was reported by Western officials in Baghdad where Iraqi Government spokesmen dismissed the reports of an army uprising against Saddam as "wishful thinking".

In London, a spokeswoman for the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella organisation of opposition groups determined to overthrow the Iraqi dictator, said: "In the first 24 hours since these reports began to circulate, we have been able to secure no individual confirmation of them despite all our contacts on the ground. There is a feeling that not very much happened."

The original reports, circulated mainly by the French news agency Agence France-Presse from Amman, reflected the lack of reliable information from Iraq and the tribal clashes which have been going on since May between the army loyal to Saddam and the powerful Sunni Muslim Dulaimi clan, which no longer supports the President.

Tribal discontent in the area of Ramadi, headquarters of the Dulaimi clan, was recently revived after the body of the general's brother, an air force officer who had been executed on charges of trying to overthrow Saddam, was returned to his family. Earlier, Arabic papers had reported weeks of unrest with many dead, detained and tortured in clashes between local people and the security forces.

Iraq watchers pinpoint the trouble to a decision by Saddam to rely less on tribal support to back his family-dominated regime and more on the Republican Guard and other security elements.

Peeress quits Hong Kong for Britain

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

BARONESS DUNN, reputedly the most powerful woman in Hong Kong, announced yesterday that she is leaving the colony to settle in Britain.

The senior member of Chris Patten's Executive Council, and the first Chinese member of the House of Lords, rejected suggestions that her departure showed a lack of confidence in Hong Kong's future. "I have every confidence in the future of Hong Kong as a part of China," she said.

Lady Dunn and her husband, Michael Thomas, QC, Hong Kong's former Attorney-General, are moving for personal reasons. Although she will be based in Britain, where she owns two houses, "my heart will continue to beat for Hong Kong". From January she will be an executive director in London of the Swire Group, one of Hong Kong's founding trading houses. She is now head of its trading division here. Her husband will practise in Britain but retain chambers here.

Lady Dunn said she intends to attend the House of Lords regularly and "will make sure that Hong Kong's voice is heard by Britain's political leaders". She has called on Britain to grant passports to Hong Kong residents who feared the Chinese takeover. Yesterday she said she would continue the campaign, especially for non-Chinese ethnic minorities, mainly from India, who have lived here for generations.

Baroness Dunn: "My heart will continue to beat for Hong Kong"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Karachi carnage

Karachi: Gunmen killed more than 17 people in separate attacks here, raising the death toll from political violence in Pakistan's commercial capital to more than 110 in two weeks. In one incident, the gunmen killed ten officials in a government building.

Premier switch

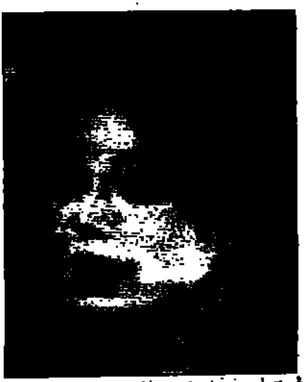
Roseau: Edison James of the United Workers Party, which won Monday's elections in Dominica, was sworn in as Prime Minister, ending the 15-year premiership of the Dominica Freedom Party's Dame Eugenia Charles, 76. *(AFP)*

Anti-dam fast

Delhi: Lal Bahuguna, 68, an environmental activist, pledged to continue his 37-day fast to the death unless the Indian government agrees to review a decision to construct the Tehri dam in an Uttar Pradesh earthquake zone.

Somali split

Mogadishu: Somali clan factions allied with the warlord Muhammad Farrah Aidid raised tensions by electing him president of the country. On Sunday, officials of his militia announced they had ousted him as leader. *(Reuter)*



Michael Jackson during the interview this week

Jackson plans to become a father

From Ben Macintyre in New York

IN AN attempt to shed their reputation as the world's weirdest couple, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley appeared on television and answered a question that has obsessed America since their secret marriage last July: Yes, the unlikely pair insisted, they do have sex.

The androgynous pop singer and Elvis Presley's 27-year-old daughter agreed to be interviewed on ABC's *Prime Time Live* to publicise Jackson's double album, *HIStory*, and to prove that they are both normal, well-adjusted millionaires.

"I just want people to understand we are not jokes," Ms Presley said on Wednesday night, sitting beside her husband who wore a red uniform, spangled trousers and thick make-up. When Diane Sawyer, the interviewer, raised the subject of the couple's sex-life, Ms Presley was adamant that such a thing existed: "Yes, yes, yes. We will be expecting a child. We won't be saying when."

Jackson took the opportunity to deny, once again, the child abuse allegations that threatened to destroy his career until he agreed to a multi-million dollar out of court settlement last year.

"I have never invited anyone ever into my bed ever," the singer said. "I could never harm a child or anyone."

Earlier in the week, four of Jackson's former bodyguards began a claim in Los Angeles for wrongful dismissal, saying they were fired because they were "witnesses to Michael Jackson coming and going in the middle of the night along with young boys over a period of years."

The millions of Americans who tuned in to the hour-long interview may be unconvinced by the couple's efforts to portray themselves as Mr and Mrs Normal. "I'll bet my pearls he gets pregnant before she does," remarked Cindy Adams, a gossip columnist.

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First Lady joins the US sex crusade

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

HILLARY CLINTON has added her voice to a growing chorus on morality in America, declaring that adolescents should say "no" to sex. "My theory is, don't do it before you're 21," the First Lady said, "and then don't tell me about it."

Her comments come in the wake of a stinging rebuke of Hollywood by Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, who said the film capital had drenched America in a sea of depravity, violence and sex.

Mrs Clinton was joined yesterday by Governor Pete Wilson of California, who made it clear that attacking Hollywood has become essential to any Republican presidential bid. As protesters accusing him of hypocrisy were ejected from a conference on fatherhood, Mr Wilson echoed Senator Dole's recent tirade against the entertainment industry.

"It's wrong to profit from selling this trash to children," he said. On Tuesday, he accused 40 top entertainment executives of conniving at making films that advocate "mainstream deviancy".

But news reports reminded him that he had accepted nearly $300,000 (£189,000) in donations last year from entertainment firms, including $20,000 from Warner Brothers, distributor of Oliver Stone's violent *Natural Born Killers*. A spokesman sought to justify Mr Wilson's decision by saying that the sums were "small" compared to his total campaign chest of $29 million.

The current debate throughout America has encouraged an outburst of condemnation of the entertainment industry. But Mrs Clinton, in outright criticism of Mr Dole, the leading Republican contender for the White House next year, said concern should not be confined to Hollywood: "It's such hypocrisy for people to talk about sex in movies when sex is used to sell everything in America," Mrs Clinton said.

In an interview over tea in the White House's Blue Room, she told journalists she did not understand the American obsession with sex and sex education. "I just wish we could relax a little and talk about it with our children when they can understand it, which is when they are very young."

Whether Mrs Clinton can wrest the moral debate from the Republicans remains to be seen. Her husband still faces a suit by Paula Jones, the former Arkansas state employee who claims that he asked her to perform a sexual act in an hotel room in 1991 when he was the state Governor.

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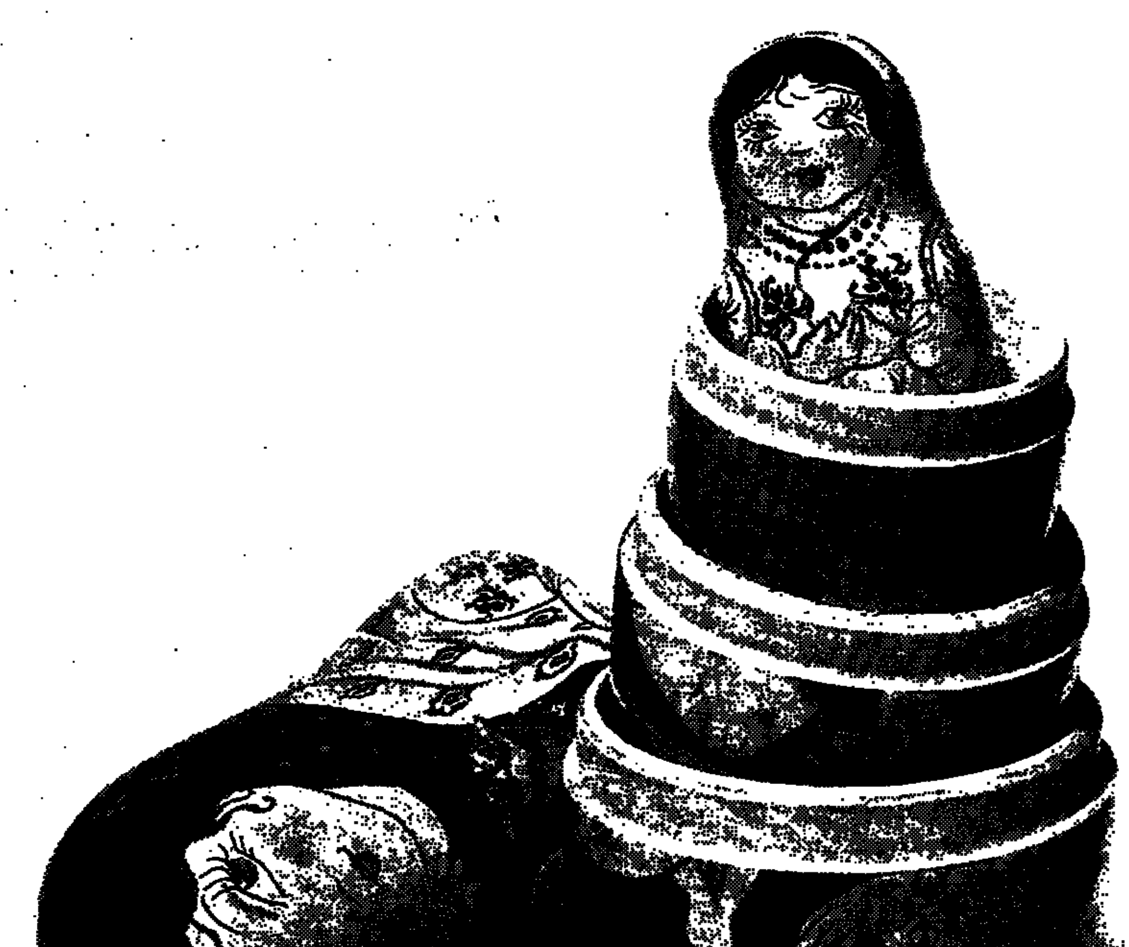

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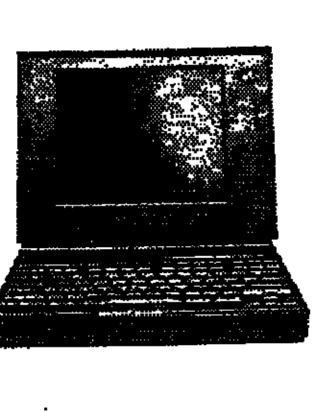

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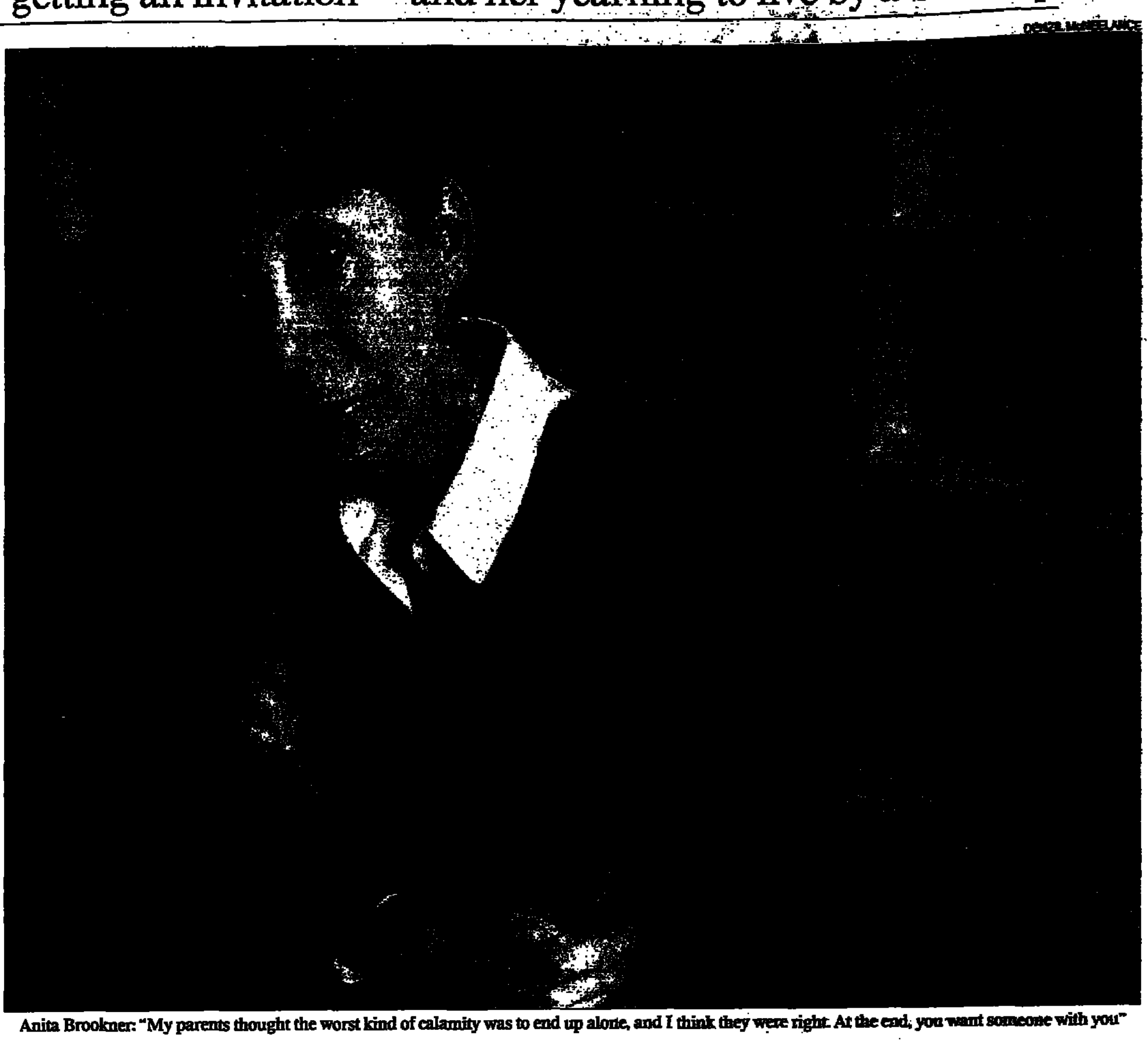
Anita Brookner on the joys of never getting an invitation — and her yearning to live by a bus-stop

'Hell would be quiz night at The Bull in Ambridge'



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Anita Brookner: "My parents thought the worst kind of calamity was to end up alone, and I think they were right. At the end, you want someone with you"

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

How appropriate the domestic lives of novelists are. Kingsley Amis's *all-male Garrick Club* routines, Joanna Trollope's flower rota in the village church, seem all of a piece with their books. But why are we interested? Until recently nobody expected writers to expose their homes and habits to public scrutiny. Now the novelist is browbeaten into book-signing tours and platform performances.

Anita Brookner does none of these: it would be "an ordeal". A new Brookner novel has arrived every summer for 15 years and — apart from 1984, when she won the Booker for *Hotel du Lac* — she has never spoken at a literary luncheon or, as Josephine Hart did last night, braved the inquisition of *Question Time*.

So she has conceded, with reluctance, to let me come to her small flat, where we sit at a round table bearing only an ashtray. Everything is neat, understated, orderly, like herself. Low bookshelves with classics; French lithographs, some watercolours. The window looks on the garden and there is utter silence. "I wish I lived overlooking a bus-stop," she says. "I aspire to a bus-stop."

She prefers to watch and to listen than to talk. "You want to know about me, and I have a terrible feeling there is not a lot to know." Giving lectures at the Courtauld, where she taught art history for 30 years, retiring seven years ago, was different. "You have a rapport with students, who want to hear what you have to say. And they were all so clever, cleverer than I am. I do like clever people.

"If readers are curious enough, they write to me — the questions are sometimes quite searching — and I write back. I prefer to deal with it that way. They tell me about themselves, and say that people in my novels are like people they know. Which is reassuring, because critics seem to think I'm one of a kind, living this dreary life without passion or curiosity."

We laugh, because as her readers know, underneath the dull, quiet, lonely lives of her characters there can be seething passion and intensity. The new one, *Incidents in the Rue Laugier*, has a dazzling villain named Tyler, a life-wrecker like Steerforth in *David Copperfield*, to whom her sheltered heroine succumbs. A Jonathan Aitken figure, I thought. "No! The physical presence I had in mind was a man I've never met: Alex Thompson, the reporter on *Channel 4 News*: he looks so perfect for the part of the rake. I hope he will not be annoyed by that. He's tall, good-looking, an excellent journalist and obviously clever."

The pattern of Miss Brookner's life is simple and like everything about her, precise and fastidious. Next door to this flat, she has another one for working in. Living in London is vital to her. She walks a lot, as Dickens did. She would hate a country cottage: "My idea of hell would be Ambridge. Quiz *night at The Bull, the ultimate* punishment. I love solitude. It gets an awfully bad press. The propaganda goes all the other way. You're supposed to get out and mix, as if solitude were a dreadful indulgence."

After the undemanding companionship of college life, she is happy to spend whole weeks without seeing a soul. I once saw her at a party, many years ago, but not lately. "When you refuse invitations, *invitations fall off. That's how* I like it."

London has all she needs: bookshops, art galleries, friends. And other writers? "About once a year I have lunch with Julian Barnes." She says she could not do what he is about to do; teach creative writing in an American university. "It would take a lot more confidence than I've got.

"I write in the winter. In summer, theoretically, I sit in the garden reading, but . . ." glancing out at the lowering grey sky . . . "not this summer." We agree we are both afflicted with SAD: seasonal affective disorder, under the weather. "One behaves differently when the sun shines. This is deadening."

She was an only child. Her grandfather was from Poland, a tobacco importer. She grew up in an old-fashioned villa in Herne Hill, south London, with many servants. She went back to a reunion at her old school, James Allen's at Dulwich, after 50 years and recognised everyone instantly, most of them grandmothers, apart from herself. Her only relations are two male cousins, a doctor in New York and an estate agent in Hampstead.

"My parents wanted me to make a very good marriage, preferably to a doctor, and it really didn't appeal. They had no truck with this sort of nonsense [ie, work]. I knew I had to get out, and I did. But I could never cut myself off. That would have been terrible disloyalty. I was a disappointment to them. They were constantly asking me if I had met some nice young man. It was tiresome, but all parents did say that in those days.

"They thought the worst kind of calamity was to end up alone, and I think they were right. At the end, you want someone with you." But almost everyone does end up alone. Her father died of cancer at 64; her mother survived him by four years, "a very unhappy and very sick woman".

She did not write stories as a child. She wrote *A Start in Life* in 1981 because it seemed the right time to start putting things down. "It was a reckoning. It felt entirely natural." Since then she has stayed with the same publisher and the same agent, "and I will never desert them," she said, like Mrs Micawber.

She would stamp on any attempt at biography, and will never write her own life. She does not keep letters. "I have no private papers. I shall leave no trace. That's the ideal.

"I inherited a little money, made some more, and then I was salaried for 30 years. But my needs are very modest. *I* haven't got a word-processor, an answerphone, a microwave, a mobile phone, or a car. And it's much simpler without them."

Maud, her latest heroine, is, like others, sustained by literature. "What she read confirmed her knowledge that love was a vital and terrible thing, that men and women die for it, that it was the lack of love that makes women desperate, but that the partners on whom she pins her hopes will not always meet her needs." She reflects on how unsuitable the conformist Vronsky is for Anna Karenina, or the seedy Rodolphe for Emma Bovary. "I like quiet, reflective lives," says Miss Brookner. "They produce better thinking than noisy ones, and I am always concerned about the quality of thinking."

> 'I love solitude, even though it gets a bad press'

She is smoking her Silk Cut cigarettes. "I reckon that at my age, 67, all bids are off. You can drink, smoke, and lie in the sun because whatever is going to kill you is probably already in place."

When she began to write she lied about her age, taking off ten years. Why? "I thought I could get away with it. I felt viable at the time. I didn't see why I shouldn't be whatever age I wanted. But a friend rumbled me, in *The Times*." (She wrote a letter to *The Times* saying: "I am 47, and have been for ten years.")

She once lived in Paris in a hotel on the Boulevard St Germain: an ideal life, on a scholarship, writing a book, *The Genius of the Future*. She still goes to Paris, alone, stays in an hotel, goes to bookshops, and sits in cafés.

"And I talk to people: you meet so many people when you're alone. You're so grateful for their conversation: it's always diverting. I don't fend them off; I like to hear them. The novelist is a sponge, a humble inquirer. The novelist hopes to understand.

"I take no notes, I jot down no ideas. But I remember any conversation verbatim, and everything is retrievable. I have a very good memory. And by the time I've written one page it intrigues me so much I go on: I'm sure I get far more out of these novels than my readers do because there is total absorption. I use unlined A4 pads from Rymans, and write until the narrative exhausts itself." She used to keep a commonplace book, but lost it. Ruth, in *A Start in Life*, had such a book and would jot down maxims such as Louis XIV's: "Do not assess the justice of a claim by the vigour with which it is pressed."

Maud has a terrible moment of *moral* decision: whether to break free and do *as she really wishes, or to* marry a good man, as she has promised. To understand this one must imagine provincial France in 1971. "Her nerve fails, and morality wins. Always an interesting juxtaposition," says Miss Brookner, "as in life. A novel should be a moral lesson." John Bayley made this point in his approving review in *The Times*. In fact he said everything Miss Brookner could have hoped from a critic. "I wish I knew him," she said.

When not reviewing new novels for *The Spectator*, she rereads 19th and early 20th century novelists. We discussed some recent novels which neither of us had admired. Novels lacking a moral theme, or characters with which the reader may passionately identify, are just entertainments, distractions, she *said. "Time will sort out all* these reputations," she said, "and we shan't be here to know. Which is just as well." She thinks the Americans write better fiction these days. She suspects that their high school education is superior to ours, and makes them more literate. But her latest discovery, Alan Isler, turns out to be English-born, though he has taught in New York for years, and is 60 years old.

The consensus is that her reputation will endure, like that of Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara Pym, Rosamond Lehmann. "Mine are not great works. They are middle-brow, *middle-class novels. But I* enjoy writing them, you see. So I don't mind."

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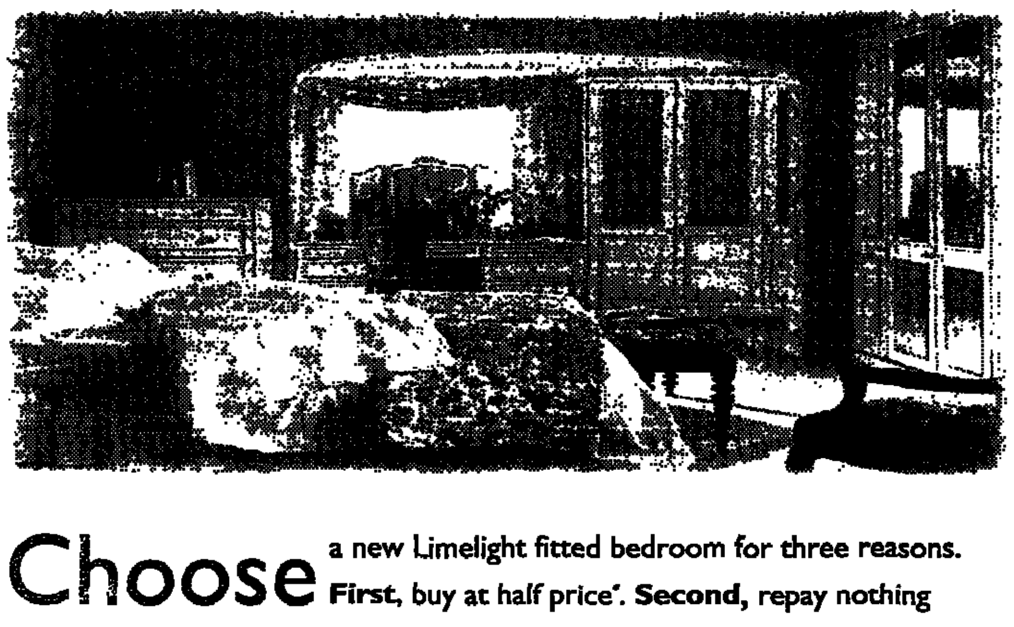

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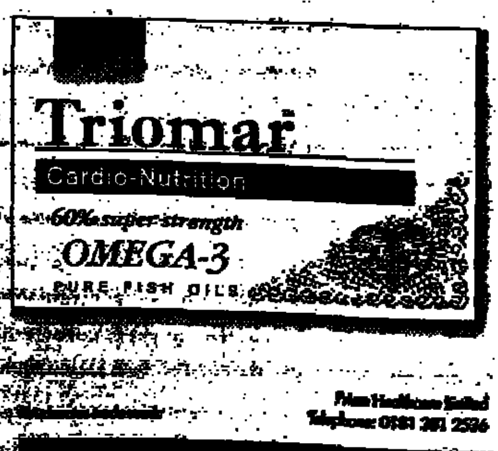

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Should I plug my book too? Yes, yes, yes

Lady T may be queen of the touring authors, but I am learning fast

LIBBY PURVES

Lady Thatcher has swept across the nation all week like a coiffed tornado, deploying fire and flirtatiousness as new queen of the pluggers. But there are other book tours. Every day some lesser author bravely embarks on that uniquely modern ordeal. I have been at it with a first novel, *Casting Off* (Sceptre). Lady T probably had no time to keep a diary, so I did.

Day 1: *East Anglian Daily Times* reporter demands to know why, in Chapter One, Joanna the fugitive sea-wife is able to turn on the motor without having opened the cooling-water inlet seacock.

Get home to find book described in *Good Housekeeping* as "wholesome". Fretful, suddenly understand how *Martin Amis* got the way he is: snooker, blasphemy, pasty sneer, divorce: a lifelong attempt to avoid the W-word.

Day 2: Clever girl from Sunday broadsheet conducts prolonged interview at home. Resolve to avoid irony, which always leads to shaming quotes. Fail. Husband unaccountably serves homemade strawberry shortcake on a tray. Interviewer crumbles it anorexically and makes notes.

Later, extract from husband a confession that he was researching for his new-wave cookery book, which includes bitter asides about consumers of the food. One shortcake has thus fuelled three writers: her, him, and me. And there are still two slices left in case Ted Hughes drops by to write a poem to it. I bet Denis Thatcher never does that.

Day 3: Photocall for broadsheet. Still brooding on radiant youth of interviewer, dye greying hair a curious ginger-biscuit shade. Then panic: suppose interview describes grey streaks and picture shows ginger? One could get blacklisted for less.

Alone in Radio Suffolk greenroom, open desk and find telephone disinfecting spray, Pledge and toilet cleaner. Lady T would love that.

Message at home from Christian radio station. Does my heroine have any spiritual experiences? Feel sure that Lady T would have had an angle ready.

Day 4: *Lady T is beating up* James Naughtie on *Today*. I am facing Simon Bates on London News Talk Radio. Bates raves about book. I never noticed before how attractive the man is.

Press Association (who has got to page 95) meets me in Palm Court at Hilton. Hear myself uttering unfamiliar theories. Ramble to glossy magazine until driven out by pianist. Notice that horoscope in paper says "keep a low profile".

Dive into bowels of BBC and address Radio Berkshire in croaking voice. To publisher's, for long telephone call with *Birmingham Post*. Fall asleep on floor of sales director's office.

Day 5: *Dorset Advertiser* has mislaid review copy, so summarise plot, disguising the fact that heroine sails right past Dorset without stopping. Become lost in Southampton and arrive late for sailing discussion on Radio Solent. Nearly forget to mention book.

Day 6: Dawn drive to London. Bet Lady T is never reduced, by loneliness of author tour, to ringing Cones Hotline and pretending to be foreign tycoon cancelling new factory in protest. Or perhaps she does. More than one way to grind down Mr Major, eh?

Three more local radios. Bristol presenter informs me that he was the man who turned up drunk to collect my flatmate in 1974.

I am now talking gibberish. Saved by visit to British Forces Broadcasting (unmarked office in Paddington) where interviewer elicits comparative sense for the benefit of Germany, Gibraltar and Cyprus. Then, at 1215, Brunei and Hong Kong.

Stagger to publisher's to find pile of unidentifiable sandwiches and "deep" interviewer from *The Scotsman*, who says penetratingly: "You seem an angry person . . ?" No answer, but have suddenly thought of a good one to the question about the seacock.

Photographer, fussing with potted palms, refers to Cartier-Bresson's portrait of Truman Capote. Think fondly of Dorset photographer who took two minutes.

Day 7: Spoken to Essex, West Midlands, Radio 2. Final indignity: cancelled by cable TV. Must be the ginger hair. Spot Lady T in paper, looking regal.

I feel dreadful, and have not held a normal conversation for a week. Next time, will walk the streets, silently, in a sandwich-board saying I WROTE A STORY. HOPE YOU LIKE IT. Probably just as effective.

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The sculptors with a wrapped model of the Reichstag: "Christo is not Christo any more," says Jeanne-Claude aggressively. "He is called Christo *and* Jeanne-Claude."

The plastic world of Christo's wrap art

Yesterday they won a £110,000 prize. Tomorrow they wrap the Reichstag.

Dalya Alberge wonders why

There seems to be a transatlantic echo on my line to New York. Christo, the Bulgarian artist who is about to wrap the Reichstag in swathes of shiny sheets, is two voices. "*Christo is not Christo* any more", the woman who answers my call aggressively informs me. "He is called Christo *and* Jeanne-Claude." And *that* is to whom I should be asking to speak.

The woman is Jeanne-Claude — Christo's wife. A year ago, she tells me, the couple became one person. That is, I admit, a momentary conversation-stopper. I do not dare ask how it happened. Deed poll? Metamorphosis? Or did they just coalesce like an amoeba, engulfed by one of his sheets? Christo, a man who has taken gift-wrapping to new heights, himself comes as a package with his wife. As I talk to them, I notice that they tell each other's stories and dovetail into each other's sentences.

Christo's umbrellas in Japan: *a lethal project*

Christo made his name packaging the 17th-century Pont Neuf in Paris in orange plastic and planting thousands of yellow and blue umbrellas across the wilds of California and Japan. But he has kept his professional partnership under wraps — so to speak. For decades, they felt that Christo alone should take the credit. But there are few activities that Christo does without Jeanne-Claude. Like a royal family, they never travel in the same aeroplane. "We are always in the middle of a project. If we both disappeared, who would finish it?"

For some, Christo is a royal among contemporary artists, one of the greatest talents of the century; for others, he is a charlatan, who fritters millions on meaningless projects.

There are two reasons for talking to Christo — and Jeanne-Claude. Not only were "they" yesterday awarded the Praemium Imperiale prize for sculpture, but tomorrow, weather permitting, they will start shrouding the Reichstag, which is to revert to being Germany's parliament. This is Christo's most ambitious work to date, and the stuff of their dreams for 23 years. Christo plans to cover it with a million square feet of thick polypropylene fabric with an aluminium surface, secured in place with 10 miles of blue polypropylene rope. Statues and stone vases will be under specially-made cages to alter the silhouette's outline.

The Praemium prize money — about £110,000 — will be only a drop towards the huge cost of the project — $11 million. Christo and Jeanne-Claude insist that all their works are funded entirely by themselves through the sale of preparatory studies, scale models and prints. They stress that they never accept a penny of public or private sponsorship. Last month, Christie's sold one of his preparatory sketches for the Reichstag for £32,200 (his record price, though, stands at £111,732).

Much of the cost goes towards the 1,200 helpers who assemble the parts. There are 90 professional rock climbers and 120 installation workers. Then there is the material. Christo and his wife want people to be overwhelmed by the vital statistics. Jeanne-Claude instructs me somewhat bossily to read the figures. Length of yarn used for weaving: 43,836 miles; length of sewing-thread: 807.8 miles; total length of all seams: 568,678 yards.

Why do they do it? To "alter shape and volume aesthetically", they reply. "Borrowing space which has never been part of the art experience," as Christo puts it (or perhaps it is Jeanne-Claude). They are convinced that the wrapping of buildings and nature is part of the tradition of artists inspired by architecture and drapery. They draw comparisons with Claude Monet's variations on the theme of Rouen Cathedral and Rodin covering his figure of Balzac with a cape. Rodin, they explain, highlighted "the principal proportions" of Balzac's body by outlining it with a cape. "What we are doing is shrouding the structure, hiding details and ornaments, and highlighting the principal proportions".

They maintain that throughout the history of art, the use of fabric has been a fascination for artists. "From the most ancient times to the present, fabric, forming folds, pleats and draperies, is a significant part of paintings, frescoes, reliefs and sculptures. In the Judaeo-Christian civilisation, veiling has a sacred and joyful message. The use of fabric on the Reichstag follows the classical tradition."

Jeanne-Claude was born Jeanne-Claude de Guillebon to a French military family. She read Latin and philosophy at the University of Tunis. Christo was unwrapped as Christo Javacheff in 1935, in a Bulgarian industrialist family. He studied at the Fine Arts Academy in Sofia in the early 1950s, a six-year training that included architecture and painting. He escaped to the West in 1957, from Czechoslovakia. That, he says, explains his interest in the Reichstag.

"I am here in the West because there was a Cold War," he says. "I would otherwise be living in Bulgaria in a small village. Having made a dramatic escape from the communist world to the West, I have an acute interest in East-West relations. If I was from Nebraska, the Reichstag would have no meanings for me."

The duo argue that all their projects are about freedom. "They exist because artists want them to. There is no moralising or justification. No one can buy or own them. No one can charge tickets. They are an expression of freedom. Freedom is the enemy of possession."

Their energy knows no bounds. They talk of having no spare time, of working 19-hour days. "We enjoy it so much, we never take a vacation. We tried it a few years ago and hated it. We rushed back home. Our work is our life." What takes up so much time? With the Japanese umbrella piece, they needed to talk to 459 rice farmers, to obtain permission to plant umbrellas on their land. For the Reichstag project, they lobbied 352 individual members of parliament.

Despite the years of planning that have gone into it, the Reichstag will remain wrapped for only 14 days, and like all Christo's works, it will be dismantled quickly, within two weeks. But that is part of the art. As they put it, the temporary nature is "a continuation of questioning our notion about art. It challenges the immortality of art. Buildings and objects are remembered for ever. These have an urgency to be seen. That fragility and vulnerability is translated in the use of fabric."

Some of their works, however, have proved even more ephemeral than the artists planned: the 1991 umbrella piece was dismantled after a woman was killed by a brolly that was blown away in a gust of wind. Then there is the (possibly apocryphal) story of the Christo wrapped-chair sculpture delivered to an auction-house where, to the horror of its owner, a porter unwrapped it. It had to be sent back to the artist, to be wrapped again.

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Banking on London's freedom

Anatole Kaletsky welcomes the takeover of British banks

First Barings, then Warburgs, now Kleinwort Benson: for the City of London to lose one or two of its top merchant banks to a foreign predator may be regarded as misfortune; to lose nearly all of them in the space of three months looks like carelessness. Some such paraphrase of Wilde may express the layman's reaction to the news that Kleinwort Benson is likely to follow Barings, Warburgs and, before that, Morgan Grenfell into the hands — or rather the deep pockets — of their much larger continental rivals. Yet in truth there is more in this deal to encourage than to depress Britain.

Let us begin with the bad news. Most City institutions have suffered from an insidious and generalised form of mismanagement of which Barings and Warburgs were only the most spectacular examples. They have paid out too much money in inflated salaries and not accumulated enough in reserves to tide them over bad times. Another way of expressing the same point is that the revolving-door mentality introduced to the City (and into Wall Street) in the 1980s has destroyed the long-term bonds of loyalty between financial firms and their employees.

Merchant banks have turned themselves into franchise businesses, rather like McDonald's or KFC. Individuals have been invited to pitch a stall on the trading floor and given some capital. The firm then takes a share in the profits they make. But the City firms, along with many of their Wall Street competitors, have overestimated the contribution made to profits by the apparent skills of their traders, and undervalued the contribution made by their own capital, reputation and goodwill. As managers of franchise businesses, the merchant bankers have proved infinitely less skilful than McDonald's.

This is essentially why stable and well-capitalised institutions such as Dresdner Bank — or for that matter, Barclays and NatWest — are encroaching on the territory of the merchant and investment banks, and proving to be more successful long-term competitors. The British do not have a particularly good record in managing the large, stable bureaucracies which seem destined to swallow up most merchant banks. But Britain does seem good at nurturing the nimble and iconoclastic individuals whom the merchant banking divisions of these bureaucracies want as employees. Therein lies the City's main inherent advantage.

But that is not the end of the good news for Britain. The main reason why Dresdner Bank is offering to pay around £1 billion for Kleinwort is the same as the reason why ING bought Barings and SBC bought Warburgs: continental European banks cannot become serious competitors in the global financial markets unless they have a large presence in the City of London, either through takeovers, or through internal growth.

The European banks have been giving the City a huge vote of confidence as the world's principal centre of international finance. And in striking contrast to the figureheads of many City institutions, who have been warning about the dangers to the City posed by exclusion from the European monetary union, the people who actually run the banks have been voting for London with ever greater enthusiasm since the European Central Bank (ECB) was sited in Frankfurt and while Britain's has become more hostile towards monetary union.

This seeming paradox is not hard to unravel. Contrary to the naïve belief of many City grandees, the threat of monetary union has nothing to do with the siting of the ECB in Frankfurt. The Bank of England's monetary and foreign exchange operations play little part in the City's prosperity, and Frankfurt will gain no more from being home to the ECB than Washington does from hosting the US Federal Reserve Board.

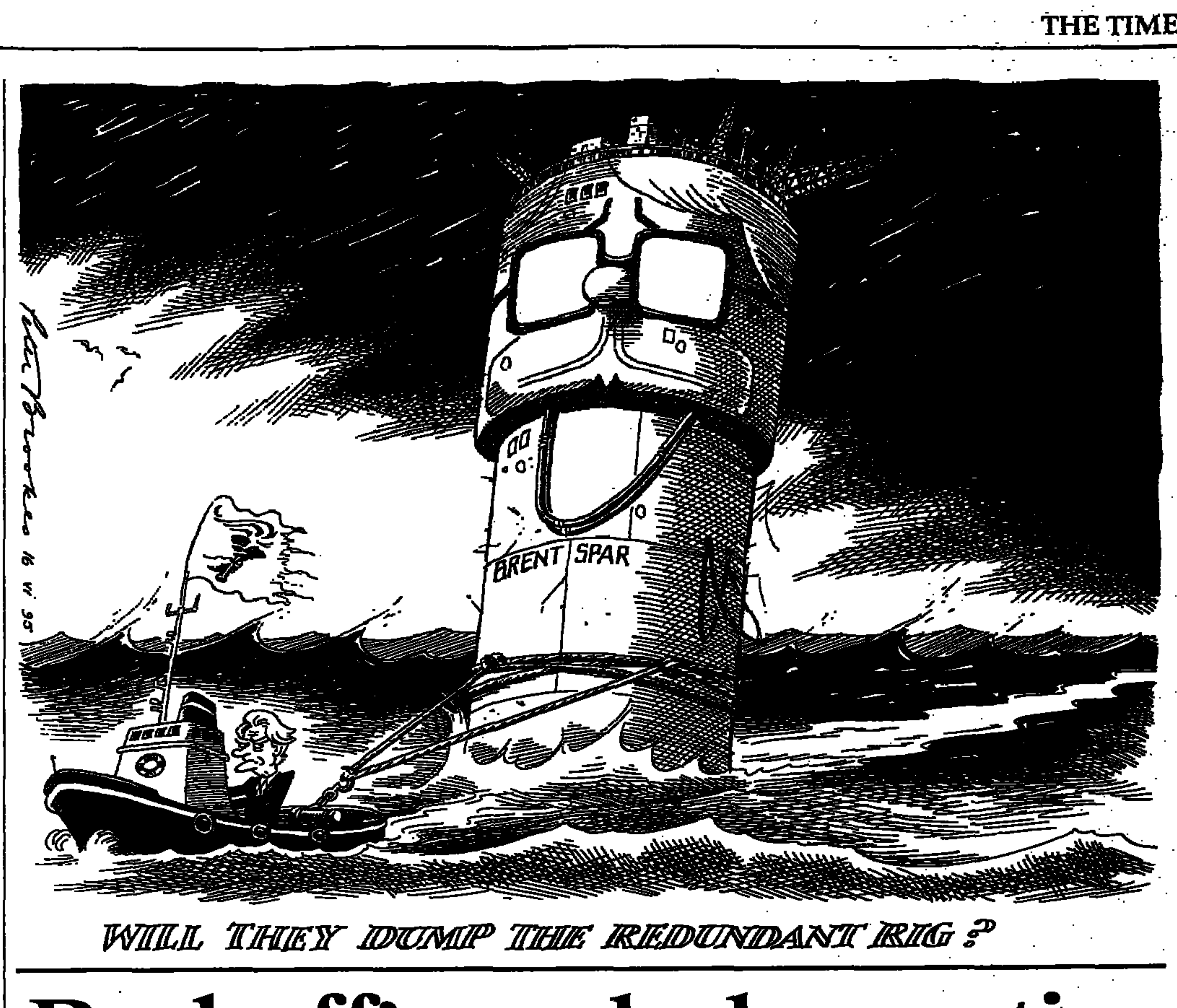
The real threat of monetary union lies in the uniform system of monetary and financial regulation which the new European Central Bank will administer across the single-currency zone. If this system of regulation, which will be closely modelled on the present French and German banking laws, were introduced to Britain after monetary union, many of the City's long-standing competitive advantages would be wiped out. British banks would face the cost of abiding by German-style minimum reserve requirements. The futures and financial derivatives markets would be stunted. Their development in Frankfurt has been actively discouraged by the Bundesbank on the grounds that they make it more difficult to manage domestic interest rates and the money supply.

German banks now prefer London to Frankfurt

Even more important than any specific regulations that might be imposed would be the ECB's broader attitude to financial innovation. The records of Germany and France suggest, for example, that the new financial regulators would take a dim view of hostile takeover bids, and would expect financial institutions to support official objectives such as currency stabilisation, even if there were profits to be made in trading the opposite way.

Whatever one might think of the morality or economic desirability of subordinating the interests of finance to the supposed needs of industry or the policies of governments, it is clear why continental institutions think their shareholders will benefit from a stake in London's less regulated environment. The closer Europe gets to monetary union, the greater will be the advantages to the City of staying out.

It may seem odd that the people at the top of great British banks seem not to understand this. But then as recent events suggest, the perspicacity of top managers has never been the City's strongest point.



WILL THEY DUMP THE REDUNDANT RIG ?

Berkoff's melodramatics

Luvviedom is so intoxicating that theatrical types need tough critics

Bernard Levin

If there is anyone going to Wembley who could kick somebody for me, would he kick an organisation that is driving me mad? I was notified that there was a parcel awaiting me in the (very amusingly entitled) White Arrow Service, and I phoned for details. Or rather, I did not phone for details: eager for my booty, I found that it is impossible to telephone. I continued to ring for half an hour without even once getting through, and when I tried yet again, I got the security guards who told me that everybody in this outfit knocks off at tea-time. (As for weekends, forget it.) Finally, after more days, I got a semi-human, and asked when I should expect my gift. Not only was I told that they will not give a time at which delivery might be made, nor even a span of time — they even refuse to tell you what day they will come. Presumably, the customers are to wait until Christmas or thereabouts. In the circumstances, I may say that the White Arrow Service has got an arrow broken in three places, and is without its feather. As for Service . . .

Stop press. White Arrow Service has found a new wheeze: a messenger came to my door with the booty, but went away without ringing the bell, though my name is on it in capital letters.

It comes round regularly, more's the pity. I see that the previous occasion was April 1994; yes, roughly a year and a bit is the standard. This time it is Steven Berkoff (what do you mean, who is Steven Berkoff?) who has burst his waistcoat-buttons with rage and threatened doom and destruction upon those he would like to doom and destruct.

For the thing that comes round regularly, and more's the pity, is the squealing of the theatre that it is being made unhappy, whereas the theatre should never be made unhappy. And the finger points: the unhappiness of the theatre comes from those nasty, beastly, awful, scruffy *critics*, who should *never* be allowed to say such *wicked* things, and indeed there ought to be an Act of *Parliament* to *stop* it. (Mind you, when those nice, witty, charming, generous critics are telling the theatre that it is quite tremendously good and wonderful and indeed very close to genius if not better than that — ah, that's the ticket, and the free ticket, too.)

But where does this Berkoff person come in, spitting red-hot coals? He is what is called a "luvvie"; if you don't know what luvvies are, allow me to tell you that they are those who pass the time acting or directing or even writing plays (not *all* of these *absolutely* terrible) instead of getting a decent job so that their mothers aren't ashamed of them. But the Berkoff has a giveaway, one which he can never overcome or disguise. It is this: whether he shouts at the critics, or despises the critics, or ignores the critics, or loftily forgives the critics, or puts tintacks on the chairs of the critics, there is never the slightest break in the mournful, dreary, angry denunciations of the critics; there is never a joke, even a bad joke, about the critics. Reader, beware a man without laughter.

But if he has no laughter in him, he makes up for the lack of it with an overplus of bad temper. For what is it that has had him biting telegraph-poles in half? It is — oh, dear readers, who were expecting something amazing, something unique, something triumphant, something shining with laughter and happiness, but are about to be dreadfully disappointed — it is the tremendously important fact that Berkoff has got a bad review for his performance of *Coriolanus* in *The Sunday Times*, by that paper's regular theatre critic, John Peter.

Well, I *never* heard the like. Actually, I have heard the like several thousand times. Itty-witty diddums got a rotten review, did he? *Nasty* critic, *horrid* critic. Mummy put a bandage on and kiss it better. *There!*

And don't think I am exaggerating; the strutting asses (and even a few with sense) really believe that if someone writes a play, or acts in one, or directs one, the person in question has a kind of fireguard which gives him or her the right to have good notices in perpetuity.

But that is not all. The row started (as I have made clear, these outbreaks of stupefying vanity are so frequent that even the theatre might think of giving them up) with John Peter, the theatre critic of *The Sunday Times*. (Reader, that hallowed chair was, many years ago, graced by my bottom — *mine*. And, yes, from time to time, the theatre threatened blood-curdling revenge. As you see, it never came.)

Mr Peter was told he was "dangerous and severely conventional" (*sic*), that he is a "theatrical thug and a traitor to the arts", and that "if he dares show his dismal face at the door he will be unceremoniously booted out as one would to any *drunken lout*". (A word to Mr Peter, though I don't suppose he needs it: when I was a critic and was "warned off", it gave me a huge lift of the heart, as I realised that there was one fewer heap of ordure to examine, and that I could have an extra day off.)

According to Berkoff, "actors are ready to retaliate", though I don't know whether he means actors are going to leap off the stage in the middle of a scene and give the nearest critic a bloody nose. Dear me, again; but what if he picks the wrong man — a harmless theatregoer — and is sued for assault and battery?

In any case, Berkoff has an odd basket of fellow-thespians to back up his indignation: he proudly presents one Tony Slattery (I've never heard of him, though of course that doesn't prove he doesn't exist) who, I am told "lambasted critics at the Laurence Olivier awards last April using four-letter expletives". (Coo, what a daring fellow.) As for Stephen Fry, he went even further (to Belgium, of all places) following poor reviews of his West End performance in *Cell Mates*. Luvvies? I should think so.

Now, if the theatre were to vanish overnight, there would be a very large hole in the world. But the world would continue to go round. It is very difficult to get that fact into the heads of some of the luvvies, and some never manage it at all.

Berkoff, by now, must be close to bursting; at the very least he must by now be now reeling, writhing and fainting in coils; so he has transferred his rage to the theatre's house journal, *The Stage* (actually, that's only its nickname: the real name is *The Luvvies and Sweetypies Journal*). In this, he berates John Peter in the most dreadful prose imaginable; but there is an odd item that caught my eye. At one point he says "Yes, Mr Peter's origins can be seen by scratching at the surface . . .", which is pretty rich when you learn that Berkoff's name used to be Berkovich. Oh, well.

You won't believe it, but I once did lower myself to write and indeed star in a play, but it was at school, when I was 11 years old, though let me tell you, it was a long sight better than some of the plays I had to review when I was a theatre critic. I *have written about my years at the* critics' grindstone; I did the job for a good many years, which is why I twitch very badly while I am going up Shaftesbury Avenue, and wake screaming almost every night. Perhaps, in view of my frailties, I might be allowed to remind you of the great truth about the theatre that is never told — or at least, never told by the theatre and its inhabitants. It is that the theatre, for all its pleasures, is not really essential to our lives, as witness that Tory minister who blushed to admit that he had never been inside a theatre, a concert hall or an opera house. (And I'm not even sure about the cinema.)

Who coined the term "Luvvie"? The theatre does not like it, because it looks as though everybody in the theatre loves everybody else, and that, at least, is a wicked libel, because there is an enormous amount of back-stabbing, however *many* cries of "Darling, you were wonderful" are always to be heard.

There is a perfect example of the absurdity of the theatre which comes not from me, but from a true luvvie, Mr Doug Lucie, who said: "The very placing of arts coverage in a newspaper is a *statement* of its worth in relation to the other components of the paper. The sainted *Guardian*, for instance puts it right out of harm's way in the tabloid section, while most other papers I come into contact with see its value as residing chiefly in the celebrity angle." Well, er, yes. But that is exactly what the theatre should be. Sorry, luvvies.

P.S. Who *is* Steven Berkoff?

Philip Howard

■ Rugby boys are only conforming to their fictional reputation

Harry Flashman would have known how to handle a head girl at Rugby better than the young fogeys who now rule the roost. Rugby boys are revolting. So what else is new? They claim to be traditionalists in opposing a head girl who *has* been *at the* school for only a year, and therefore cannot be expected to pass a bloods' examination in school traditions that stretch back more than four centuries. Tradition is the last study bolthole of the fogey. So the modern Rugbeians should consult their Flashman tradition. For it is the richest and most useful in the old-boy network for scuppering enemies and influencing people and publicity.

The rampant career of the archetypal school bully, chronicled by his biographers Thomas Hughes and George MacDonald Fraser, demonstrates the lengths to which perfidy, impudence, lechery and a way with the girls can be stretched in the enforced pursuit of fame, riches and, above all, survival. After he was expelled from Rugby, old Flashy rebuilt his fortunes on the backs (and fronts) of a succession of fillies.

Even while at Rugby, at the age of 14 he lost his slightly foxed virginity to Lady Geraldine. She was a high-spirited Hebe ten years his senior, who lured him out in a punt with the promise of a crown if he minded her clothes while she went bathing in the Avon. (In accounts of his romantic life, Flashman's version is only as reliable as the evidence *of a motorist who has just* pranged his car.) He declares that he never received the five bob, because the randy baggage had to shell out all her loose change to buy the silence of the grinning water-bailiff, who caught them unawares *in the* reeds, where *she* was teaching him natural history after her swim. Flashman had the presence of mind to clap his breeches over his face and other distinguishing feature, and so avoid recognition as he fled. Otherwise Doctor Arnold would have been able to sack him for a more engaging offence than drunkenness.

And for the rest of his long career, Harry Flashers made it to the very top of society and worldly success by manipulating a succession of head girls. He became military adviser to Queen Ranavolona of Madagascar, admirer of Lola Montez, the *aspiring novelty dancer, and* champion of the Emperor's ravishing concubine in a Chinese power struggle. He even toadied to the young Queen Victoria.

And in all of these encounters with the fair sex, it is notable that Flashy got his way, whether sexual or political or usually both, without leaving lasting resentment. As he said himself, in a proverb he learnt from Szu-Zhan, that female bandit colossus, as practised in the arts of love as in the art of war: "When it comes to the ladies, today's egg is better than tomorrow's."

I detect the ghostly influence of Flashman in the posters the boys plastered around the school walls, bearing such slogans as, "We're not racist, prejudiced or sexist. We're just traditionalist." His spelling may have had to be corrected by his fag, but Flashy's populist rant is unmistakable. So was the poltroonery of sticking them up by night. The schoolhouse jape of inserting a pamphlet into every hymnbook in chapel yesterday, making the best case possible for chauvinist fogeyism, is pure Flash. *Maximum publicity*, minimum risk. He cheerfully admits that he is "A scoundrel, a liar, a cheat, a thief, a coward — and, oh yes, a toady".

But what the rebels do not realise is that Flashy, that sensitive barometer of sexual politics and toadying, would long ago have switched to the politically correct faction. He would no doubt have found evil ways of roasting and tormenting and humiliating the head girl, and diminishing her behind her back, whenever possible. He might well have tried to get his hand up her placket or down her bodice.

When the *Eton Boating Song* sings, "Harrow may be more clever, / Rugby may make more row", it sings of Flash school-wisdom rather than Oxbridge results. Rugby children get into Warwick University. The Rugby rebels are adding to the gaiety of the newspapers. But Harry Flashman would have managed things better for the advantage of the school and especially of himself.

Flea in the ear

A TINY Highlands fly with an irritating bite has caused a violent reaction among Scots. Someone said "midge" rather than "midgie" on national radio, and the network exploded in argument.

The BBC's Scotland correspondent, Colin Blane, was the culprit. James Naughtie, the presenter of Radio 4's *Today* programme, had already said "midgie" in the course of his introduction to Blane's piece on community radio in Ullapool yesterday morning.

During his report, Blane offered the alternative pronunciation. Off air, Naughtie tells me, his co-presenter John Humphrys (a Welshman, if you please) told him that he was wrong. Andrew Neil — who was on the show to discuss an entirely unrelated matter — was asked for his opinion. "He said 'midge' and then changed his mind when I screamed in horror," says Naughtie.

The BBC switchboard was plagued. "Midgies were winning at the last count," boasted Naughtie last night. The Granada programme *This Morning* ran a phone poll on the subject (open only to Scots). Among the 4,012 callers, Muriel Gray and Gordon Brown were in the 95 per cent majority "midgie" camp. Malcolm Rifkind, was a "midge" man.

Naughtie insists the blighters need not cause a fall-out. "My wife Ellie says 'midge' and I say 'midgie', and our marriage has survived," he says.

The country's expert on the mites, Lord Campbell of Croy, has raised the matter at Westminster. "I referred to the West Highland Midge and midges plural. But in the West Highlands diminutives are constantly used so people will talk about 'a midgie'."

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY BREAK GLASS
EAR MUFFS
PUGH

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Viscountess Astor, who as Bronwen Pugh was one of the pin-ups of the 1950s, re-encountered her old boss at the party on Wednesday at the Reform Club. She was warmly embraced by the Queen's nonagenarian dressmaker Sir Hardy Amies. "I used to model for him but I haven't seen him since then," she said fondly. "I am so glad that I have just had my hair done."*

Little whine

REVOLUTION at the Garrick Club. Members are to be asked to fill their own glasses of wine when they dine, rather than rely for a recharge on hovering waiters.

The change follows a complaint from a member that waiters were too assiduous in topping up his glass one lunchtime. "We have decided that when members dine together, they should help themselves rather than wait for their glasses to be recharged," says Martin Harvey, the club secretary.

Terry Wogan, a longstanding member, described the move as extraordinary. "This will change the face of British life. Probably the most important decision ever taken in British clubland. I feel a mixture of anticipation and apprehension."

Busmen

GERALD KAUFMAN and his National Heritage Select Committee are steering clear of controversy when they go on their travels this summer. After their "investigative" jaunt to Hollywood last year, the committee has plumped for less exotic locations.

"We are going to Sheffield and Manchester," says Kaufman. "We plan to look at the sporting facilities they can offer for bids for international events like the Commonwealth and Olympic Games." I am told they'll go by bus.

Party pair

THE PARTY to be seen at on Wednesday night was thrown at London's Reform Club by *The Times*. It was where Ivana Trump rubbed shoulders with Michael Portillo and John Prescott came face to face with himself. "Who's that?" said Prescott at one point. "I'm sure I know that face — and the voice as well, come *to think* of it." Approaching within earshot was the comedian Rory Bremner, giving his Prescott impersonation.

"That's rather good," Prescott told him. "It's hard to tell who's the real me." Minutes later, it wasn't difficult at all: the genuine Prescott was raising his fist in anger at my colleague, the parliamentary sketchwriter Matthew Parris, who once wrote: "Prescott went 12 rounds with the English language and left it slumped and bleeding over the ropes."

"He doesn't like my being rude about his grammar," said Parris, "and he was complaining yet again."

Grammar school: Parris and Prescott

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SEA MONSTERS

Marine protection should be based on science, not sabotage

Greenpeace has lost every court battle since its activists set out six weeks ago physically to prevent Shell from dumping the giant Brent Spar offshore loading platform at a deep-sea site in the Atlantic. But by a combination of headline-grabbing trespass, advertising campaigns and exaggerations about the environmental threat, the organisation has been winning the propaganda war. Consumer boycotts of Shell petrol stations started in Germany this week, where one station was damaged in an armed attack, and have spread to Holland.

With an eye on his domestic popularity, Chancellor Kohl is urging John Major for an alternative method of disposal, conveniently forgetting that Angela Merkel, Germany's Environment Minister, conceded last month that Britain and Shell were abiding by international rules. The company itself is beginning to buckle. Yesterday Shell said that, although still convinced that deep-sea disposal is the best solution, and that land disposal poses six times the risk of accidents and pollution, it would reconsider its plans if the British Government requested.

Mr Major should not be swayed by a campaign which has relied on headline-grabbing acts of trespass which are not only illegal but have shown a shameful lack of concern for such considerations as marine safety — let alone the scientific evidence that the Brent Star will damage the seabed less than a sunken tanker would do. This is not the first summit Greenpeace that has hijacked in its latest "direct action". At the North Sea conference earlier this month, it successfully diverted attention to Brent Spar, at the expense of the more important environmental issue of over-fishing.

Ministers were only too delighted: tough measures to preserve North Sea fisheries are politically difficult for all countries, but only Britain and Norway face the problem of decommissioning rigs. The others were happy to issue a declaration that dumping oil installations at sea should be prohibited. Greenpeace's "success" will doubtless boost its membership — a goal the organisation increasingly seems to care more about than sound environmental management. Ever since French agents scuppered the *Rainbow Warrior* in Auckland ten years ago, Greenpeace has discovered the propaganda wonders of pitching cockle-shell boats against mighty opponents.

But deliberate law-breaking should have no more place in this campaign than it has in the demonstrations against the export of veal calves. Above all, Greenpeace's partial and distorted case must not deflect the Government from developing a rational strategy for decommissioning North Sea installations which have reached the end of their useful life.

The Government has ruled out deep-sea disposal for all but a tiny number of the 50 or more rigs that will be scrapped over the next ten years. It pledged to abide by the marine safety requirements of the International Maritime Organisation. In practice, that will mean that most rigs are completely dismantled. The oil companies are required in addition to produce detailed reports on environmental impact before seeking permission from Britain's Marine Safety Agency for any decommissioning.

When exploration began in the 1960s, fishermen and shipping interests were assured that the North Sea oil sites would be restored to other users intact when extraction was completed. The Brent Star decision is consistent with that pledge; it would be far harder to make a case for toppling these structures. In handling the largest of these installations, some the size of St Paul's Cathedral, the Government is right to insist on a case-by-case approach which strikes a reasonable balance between safety, environmental protection and other costs. These are complex technical questions. Greenpeace has contributed nothing to their resolution.

LOTTERY LOOT

A chance in a thousand to change the face of Britain

Only once in a thousand years does this kind of excuse arrive to change the face of Britain in perpetuity. The Millennium Commission, which announced its first shortlist of projects yesterday, has a momentous job — and an opportunity to improve lives. Is it living up to the task?

On the shortlist are some inspiring projects. Perhaps the best is the Sustrans proposal to build a national cycle and walking network, which would come within two miles of the homes of nearly half the population. The scheme has the potential to enrich the lives of at least 20 million people, who will have the opportunity to cycle or walk along traffic-free paths; for pleasure, to school, to work or to the shops.

The knock-on effects are immeasurable. It will reduce traffic congestion and thus improve air quality. It will encourage exercise and thus improve health. But less tangibly, it will add to the quality of life. A loss of social interaction has come with the motorised society. So too has a loss of independence for children and single women.

The exodus from the pavements due to increased use of the car leads to a greater fear of crime for those who still walk. A vicious spiral denudes the streets of pedestrians still further, until eventually all those who can afford it use a car. That in turn makes the streets unsafe for cyclists, reducing the freedom for children in particular to travel independently. Cycle paths and walkways can reverse this process.

Also attractive are the bids from Groundwork and the Countryside Commission to turn derelict land into landscaped paths, parks, open spaces and play areas. These projects, which should increase social cohesion as well as beautifying the country, could be a lasting monument to the Millennium Commission. The heightened sense of community can even be seen as a capital investment, producing lasting dividends.

It is a pity, therefore, that the definition of "capital" seems to have been so tightly drawn. Too few of the shortlisted projects aim to increase human rather than physical capital. In its deliberations, the commission should favour those schemes that will be created mainly by volunteers: not just because they are cheaper, but because ten willing pairs of hands working side by side will do far more to induce a sense of community and shared values than one Bovis digger. And in the next round, the definition of "capital" should include more imaginative projects which are purely people-based, and leave a human legacy.

The commission should also reconsider the rule that requires every scheme to raise a similar amount of money from outside. For large projects, matching funds are easy to find. Small schemes, with no experience of fundraising, will have more difficulty. The Arts Council has already agreed to lower the threshold for smaller recipients. The Millennium Commission should follow suit.

Doubtless there will be irritation today from those projects which have been turned down. But there seems little chance that the Millennium Commission's choices will prove to be as unpopular as the Churchill papers. Yesterday's list of recipients is worthy and deserving, if a little narrow in its scope. The task for the commission now is to ensure that politicians do not steal all the credit for a job which is quite outside the remit of government spending.

UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Dole and Wilson strike out against Hollywood

Hollywood is under attack. Not, as might be imagined, by Iranian ayatollahs railing against Satan's celluloid; nor even by distant proponents of "Asian values". Instead, the moral muskets trained on Hollywood are home-made ones and belong to two doughty Republicans, Bob Dole and Pete Wilson.

The former, widely regarded as his party's leading contender for President, recently fired a volley of buckshot at his country's dream factories, accusing them of churning out "nightmares of depravity"."We have reached the point where our popular culture threatens to undermine our character as a nation," he intoned, not without a certain fusty elegance. And Pete Wilson, the Governor of California and a formally undeclared presidential aspirant, has taken a cue from his Hollywood-bashing rival."It's wrong, simply wrong, to profit from selling this trash to children," he said yesterday: less elegant, perhaps, than Mr Dole, but there is no mistaking the message.

Hollywood, irrepressible and cocksure, has always been the true voice of America. Its global reach testifies not just to the universality of cinema's idiom but also to a hunger across the world for American sights and sounds. And if a moviegoer in Kinshasa, say, or Bucharest, sees in films from Hollywood a portrait of a better, richer land, Americans of all ages look at its creations as if gazing into a personal mirror.

That mirror, fear the politicians, is beginning now to distort the image of America and Americans. Is theirs really the land of *Natural Born Killers* and *True Romance*, they ask? Equally valid, however, is to question whether America is the land of *Forrest Gump* and *The Flintstones*.

The battle here is more than one about good movies and horrid ones: it is about the country's myths and heritage. In his book *The Power and the Glitter*, Ronald Brownstein suggests that Hollywood meets America's need for shared experiences to nourish a "sense of national continuity"."Democratic leaders," he argues, "are never free of the need to legitimise their rule by grounding themselves in the traditions of their nation." Every American President — and every politician with presidential aspirations — has therefore had to reckon with Hollywood.

Sometimes, the images in the mirror are disconcerting, even "un-American". At other times, they are comforting and wholesome. And when an image from behind the mirror steps out onto the electoral stage, as happened with such panache in Ronald Reagan's case, the politics of self-reference can bloom in unexpected ways: he was the best actor of presidency America has ever had.

American cinema will survive this latest assault, secure in its ability to sculpt new images for new times, and even to resurrect those which we thought had long been buried. The muskets of Dole and Wilson may blaze, but Hollywood has seen High Noon before, and lived to tell the tale.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A better deal for homeowners, tenants and taxpayers

From Mr Bob Lovesey

Sir, I am very much in favour of removing the distorting effects that mortgage tax relief has had on the housing market (letters, June 3, 6, 13) and more widely on all of our investment decisions. I am even more keen to see tax relief removed from the pensions area, the result of which has been to concentrate too many investment decisions in too few hands and has limited the direct public involvement in, knowledge of, and sympathy for share ownership.

However, I am wholly opposed to any changes in either of these areas of tax relief if the result is not a commensurate reduction in tax rates. This Government has failed to grasp the nettle of excessive public spending and has used the reduction in mortgage tax relief to help to fund its profligacy.

It will not win back the confidence of its natural constituency unless there is a clear and direct trade-off between reduced tax relief and reduced tax rates.

Yours sincerely,
R. F. H. LOVESEY,
6 Barncroft Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
June 13.

From Ms Angela Harrison

Sir, I take issue with Harry Marriott's assertion (letter, June 13) that it is not "unfair" for people caught in the negative equity trap, any more than a stock market crash is unfair. People in the former situation have not gambled hoping for a quick return; people in the latter should know never to invest more than they can afford to lose.

I do not believe it is ludicrous for the Government to contemplate a rescue plan. The original tradition of Conservatism is based on patriarchy. Let the patriarchal "soul" of the Prime Minister assist those whose only misfortune is to get a foothold on the property ladder strategically engineered by a government which conveniently neglected public housing programmes. After all, home ownership was synonymous with the new affluent Britain.

Luckily I am not in the negative equity trap, but like so many I'm in another trap — that of profit loss. In 1988 I sold, making a handsome profit of £20,000, which I put down on another house. My mortgage was then about 70 per cent. In 1993 I sold for £20,000 less than the purchase price. My subsequent deposit was tiny; my mortgage now is 95 per cent. What price home ownership if borrowing for many rises at each move?

Maybe a return to corporation housing is the only way for many to guarantee the roof over one's head will not be repossessed.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA HARRISON,
62 Fair Close, Bicester, Oxfordshire.
June 14.

From Mr George B. J. B. Finlay

Sir, Mr Tim Blenkin (letter, June 13) bemoans the lack of a "feel-good" factor amongst the great British public and warns Mr Major that he is in deep political trouble until an engineered resurgence in inflation creates the illusion of capital gains, whether in houses or silver teapots.

I can assure him that the feel-good factor will return with a vengeance, once the public is convinced that stable or gently falling prices are going to be the norm in the foreseeable future.

Cheaper houses, cars, holidays, silver teapots; more available for savings, pensions, and for investment in the production of real wealth, in particular manufactured goods. That should win several elections.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE FINLAY
(London Executive),
Hargreave Hale (stockbrokers),
Brookfield House,
44 Davies Street, W1.
June 13.

From Mrs Humphrey Brooke

Sir, If the Government is contemplating stimulating the market for first-time buyers (report, June 12), there would seem to be an equally strong case for easing, at the other end of the scale, the heavy and alarming burden on ageing statutory tenants who are facing "fair rent" demands of up to 75 per cent, increases from landlords, some of whom are charitable trusts, as a result of the 1988 Housing Act.

Landlords are now able to offer shorthold tenancies to corporations and foreign nationals at extremely high rents, thus distorting the whole ethos of the housing market. Some landlords are actually instructing their agents to send statutory tenants applications for housing benefit. So an anomalous situation has arisen where, in effect, the taxpayer is subsidising commercial lets.

Ageing tenants, who have occupied their homes for many years and who at their time of life have no possibility of moving house, look to the Government for early and effective action.

Yours faithfully,
NATHALIE BROOKE,
Flat 3, 11 Onslow Square, SW7.
June 12.

Fort William sleeper

From Mr G. Nigel King

Sir, It is interesting that ScotRail now says the Fort William sleeper would break even if it was always fully loaded (report, June 8). The current interest in and usage of the service could well achieve this. With proper marketing it might even make a profit, especially in the longer term, if new trains of the style being developed for the Eurostar sleeper services were used.

First-class passengers on these trains will have en-suite facilities and a restaurant car, not available on the Fort William train. Standard-class passengers would probably be better accommodated in airline-style reclining seats.

Richard Branson could take note.

Yours faithfully,
G. NIGEL KING,
High Hedges, Cadmore End,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
June 8.

From Mr David Reith

Sir, Recently the local train from our station, Bridge of Allan, was cancelled. A bus was sent by ScotRail to take us to Stirling and thence, by train, onward to Edinburgh.

I asked the station staff why the London train, which called at both Stirling and Edinburgh, could not have stopped at our little station to collect us as had happened regularly with such cancellations in the past.

Alas — no longer. I was told: "It's the wrong kind of train, Sir — a different company now, you see."

Frankly, I don't.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID REITH,
Lecropt House,
Bridge of Allan, Stirling.
June 7.

From Mr D. Dalton

Sir, I suspect that the majority of businessmen travelling from Aberdeen to London go by air. There are early-morning flights enabling a day's business to be completed and a return home in the evening. It seems pointless to subsidise the sleepers when there is need of the money elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,
D. DALTON,
69 Colthill Circle,
Milltimber, Aberdeen.
June 6.

Infants at risk

From Miss Lucilla M. Belson

Sir, I agree with Dr Stuttaford ("How to breathe life into babies" Medical Briefing, June 9) on the great rewards involved in saving a child's life, and I would strongly encourage parents to undertake training in the simple skills which he describes.

However, tilting the head well backwards and extending the neck is not always advisable. Since infants under one year old have little cartilage to support their windpipes and their larynx is much higher up the neck, such a manoeuvre could kink the airway.

The Resuscitation Council (UK) recommends placing one hand on the infant's forehead and fingers of the other hand on the bony part of the jaw and gently tilting the head back into the neutral position — or more simply putting the infant's head into the "sniffing the morning air" position.

Yours etc,
LUCILLA M. BELSON
(Lead practitioner
in resuscitation),
John Radcliffe Hospital,
Headley Way, Oxford.
June 12.

Fight against Aids

From Dr David Nabarro

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's well researched analysis of the spread and consequences of HIV and Aids in sub-Saharan Africa (June 12) stresses the prevalence of HIV infection and urges us not to turn our backs on Africa.

Britain certainly has not turned its back. Since 1987 the British people have provided over £60 million, through the Overseas Development Administration, to help the people of developing countries to cope with the HIV/Aids pandemic.

We support national Aids-control programmes and non-governmental organisations throughout Africa, backing actions that are most effective in preventing the spread of HIV, including the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and establishing ways to support people infected with HIV and give them access to good-quality healthcare.

Last week Sir Dai Rees, Chief Executive of the British Medical Research Council, Dr Alan Stone, who runs the Medical Research Council's Aids research programme, and I visited Uganda. We went to the Medical Research Council and Government of Uganda programme of research on Aids and discussed its results with ministers and government officials. We discussed the virological and immunological studies that are in progress to help to produce a vaccine that would be effective in Uganda, as well as the social science studies that are revealing the many impediments to changing sexual behaviour, including poverty and lack of choice.

However, young people are prepared to listen, use condoms and reduce the numbers of partners they have. Incidence rates of HIV among adult men are not rising as quickly as they were two or three years ago. Availability of condoms has greatly increased, although constraints to condom use still exist. The Medical Research Council is helping progress towards a safe vaginal viricide to enable women to protect themselves from infection.

We have built strong and effective partnerships, both directly through the British aid programme and UK research groups, through the European Commission's development programme and through our work with the World Health Organisation's global programme on Aids.

Yours etc,
DAVID NABARRO
(Chief Health and
Population Adviser),
Overseas Development
Administration,
94 Victoria Street, SW1.
June 14.

Jewish treasures

From Mr Alex Jacob

Sir, I was deeply shocked to read (report, June 14) of the intended sale by Jews' College of articles of great historic interest which my great-grandmother presented to the college. This was in memory of her husband, the Reverend A. L. Green, an eminent preacher, communal leader and bibliophile.

Green took a leading part in the formation of the college and was its honorary secretary from its foundation in 1852 until his death in 1883. Shortly after his death, his widow presented his library of some 6,000 books, together with collections of sermons and of pamphlets of Anglo-Jewish historic interest, to the college.

Apart from the breach of faith, which will surely inhibit other potential donors, the prospect of items of such importance leaving the country is most painful.

I hope that even at this late stage the college will realise the enormity of its proposal and will withdraw these items from the auction.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX JACOB,
5 Hendon Hall Court, NW4.
June 14.

Nose out of joint

From Mr J. S. K. Milne

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Craig Sams (letter, June 9) risks the ire of my Pictish ancestors by conflating the Norse geographical term *nes* (nose) with their Celtic river goddess Ness. Old Celtic *Nesta*, root *ned* meaning water or wet — hence German *nass* (wet). This forms the second element in the place name Inverness, the first being *inbhir*, confluence.

However, I shall propitiate their shades on his behalf, as etymology provides (though, occasionally, acidly contested), on the whole, a harmless line of pedantry.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. K. MILNE,
88 Campden House,
Peel Street, W8.
June 12.

Lee Clegg appeal

From Colonel D. F. Easten (retd)

Sir, If the politicians of Britain and Ireland (report, June 10) are unable to tell the difference between deliberate, calculated murder and the split-second decision of a soldier sent to defend us, then God save us all.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. F. EASTEN,
Bowdens Cottage,
Wormingford, Essex.
June 11.

US sanctions on Japan

From Mr Angus Waycott

Sir, Mr James Bourlet of the Economic Research Council writes (letter, June 12) to warn that American insistence on increased imports of US cars into Japan is "aimed at" German manufacturers such as Mercedes and BMW, whose models Japan imports in "huge" numbers. Huge, of course, is a relative term: BMW and Mercedes account for around 1 per cent of new vehicle registrations in Japan.

To support his claim that this tiny segment is under threat from US imports, Mr Bourlet cites the higher beef imports imposed on Japan by America a decade ago, which were "accommodated in the only way possible — by curtailing imports of Australian beef". Another way would have been to promote beef consumption in Japan, which is what happened.

The rapid growth in market share enjoyed by "Aussie Beef" has been one of the marketing success stories in Japan in recent years. That this success is unknown to the Economic Research Council is surprising, since it was orchestrated by a British-run marketing company.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS WAYCOTT,
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Southampton, Hampshire.

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Woman power begins at Rugby

From Mr Paul Ashton

Sir, The President of the Girls' Schools Association, Penelope Penney, delivers a timely warning to the Rugby boys opposed to the appointment of the head girl (letter, June 15). She tells them that they "may well be working for women managers in the future" and that they "should learn to face competition like men".

What the Rugby boys will have learnt from this affair is that they can expect to face even more "competition" based on so-called positive discrimination in their future working lives. Worse still, they no doubt realise that they face the prospect of being governed by a Labour Party made up of quota women.

Fortunately, however, the boys are already doing what Miss Penney advises and are indeed dealing with these problems "like men". If only more men would behave like these boys and insist that merit, rather than gender, be used as the criterion for all appointments to positions of authority and responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL ASHTON,
37 Benbow Avenue, Langney Point,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
June 15.

From Emma Horsley and Matthew Smith

Sir, As the recently elected heads of school at Oakham, we fail to understand why the descendants of Tom Brown (or "Flashman") find having a girl as joint head of school so objectionable. It is a system which has been successful at Oakham since 1976.

Will they find it impossible in later life to work with females, live in houses designed by female architects, visit female doctors, or eat Linda McCartney food? Do their mothers not occupy professional roles from which part of their school fees are paid?

None of the 500 boys or 500 girls at Oakham believes that the head boy or head girl represents only half the school.

Yours faithfully,
EMMA HORSLEY
(Head Girl),
MATTHEW SMITH
(Head Boy),
Oakham School, Chapel Close,
Oakham, Rutland.
June 14.

From the Headmistress of The Red Maids' School

Sir, As the headmistress of the oldest surviving girls' school in the country, I am pleased to record that school offices here are nominated and elected democratically by both senior girls and staff. Although the main intake to the school is at 11-plus, girls entering at 13-plus and 16-plus quickly earn the respect of their peers. The new head girl entered as a boarder at 13 and one of the new house captains at 16. Both girls will be superb in these roles.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN HAMPTON,
Headmistress,
The Red Maids' School,
Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Avon.

From the Lord Justice General of Scotland

Sir, For the Lord Justice General of Scotland to be confused with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop-elect of York ("Tough tradition of the old school", June 14) is an undeserved compliment. But, in fairness to the other David Hope, I have to confess that it is I and not he who is the Old Rugbeian. It is to me, therefore, that recent events at Rugby School are of particular interest.

That said, although our titles were confused, the sentiment attributed to my name in the article were not. My thoughts and sympathies are with the Head Master and with Louise Woolcock, the head girl.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOPE,
Parliament House, Edinburgh.
June 15.

From Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill

Sir, For Rugby schoolboys to rebel against a head girl is something new; but the underlying attitudes sound familiar. Twenty-five years ago, as head boy there, I attempted to abolish the punishment of beating as administered by senior boys. I was rewarded for my efforts with a new nickname — Wallace Headgirl.

The Philistines whom the Arnolds knew are still about at Rugby. Louise Woolcock must stick to her guns.

Yours etc,
ANDREW WALLACE-HADRILL,
University of Reading,
Department of Classics,
Whiteknights, PO Box 218,
Reading, Berkshire.
June 15.

Sacré bleu!

From Professor Neil Kessel

Sir, We should admire Jean Paul's *politesse* when swearing at Mrs Snell of Ambridge (report, June 15). Years ago in Paris I shouted "*Fous-moi le camp*" at an aggressive driver. With great Gallic charm he informed me that I did not know him well enough for that. I had to say "*foutez-moi*".

Yours faithfully,
NEIL KESSEL,
24 Lees Road, Bramhall,
Stockport, Cheshire.
June 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 15: The Honorable Thomas Foley, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America, was received by The Queen.

His Excellency Monsieur Youssouf Ouedraogo was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Burkina Faso to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Monsieur Raymond Balima (Second Counsellor).

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Lord Carrington KG was received by The Queen when Her Majesty handed to him the Gold Badge, Chain and Satchel of Chancellor of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

His Excellency Mr Karim Al-Shakar and Mrs Al-Shakar were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Bahrain to the Court of St James's.

Sir Edmund Hillary was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Prize Winners of the Praemium Imperiale.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and The Duchess of Kent were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, University of Cambridge, this morning visited the Faculty of Law Building and later conferred Honorary Degrees at the Senate House, Cambridge. Brigadier *Miles Hunt-*Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 15: The Duke of York, Patron, this evening gave a Dinner in aid of the Jubilee Sailing Trust on board *HMY Britannia* in Portsmouth, Hampshire.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The London Scottish, this evening took the Salute as the Company marched past Clarence House to mark the 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty's Colonelcy of the Regiment.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, gave a Reception this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 15: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Tushinskaya Children's Hospital Trust, this morning departed from Heathrow Airport, London, for a two day visit to Moscow, Russia.

Viscountess Campden, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
June 15: The Duke of Kent, Visitor, this morning visited Cranfield University, Central Business Exchange, Cranfield, Bedfordshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whitbread).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Stowe School, Stowe, Buckingham, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Lord Cottesloe).

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 15: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited the Three Counties Show at Malvern and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne).

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit the 2nd Battalion the Royal Greenjackets at Lydd Camp, Kent, at 11.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Unipart House, Cowley, Oxford, at 10.30.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Painshill Park Trust, will visit Painshill Park, Cobham, Surrey, at 11.00; will open an exhibition of sculpture by the Hungarian sculptor, Laszlo Marton, at the Hannah Peschar Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Ockley, at 12.40; and, as Patron of Abbeyfield, will visit *David Gresham House, 226 Pol*lards Oak Road, Hurst Green, Oxted, at 2.00.

Princess Margaret, President of the NSPCC, will attend a race evening at Goodwood Racecourse at 7.00 in aid of the society.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Royal School of Needlework, will visit "The Garden in Embroidery" West of England Festival of Textiles 1995 at Yarlington House, Wincanton, at 11.55; and will open the second phase of Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Musgrove Park, Taunton, at 2.15.

Princess Alexandra will attend a *Praemium Imperiale* concert and dinner at the Royal Naval College Greenwich at 6.45.

Receptions

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a lecture delivered by Mr Thomas Foley last night at Guildhall to mark the 780th anniversary of the Sealing of the Magna Carta.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Division, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of both Houses of Parliament, representatives of Commerce and Industry, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London were present at a reception held afterwards.

HM Government
Mr Richard Needham, Minister for Trade, was the host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the visit to the United Kingdom of a Saudi Arabian Trade Mission.

Baroness Young
Baroness Young was the host at a reception in the House of Lords on June 15 for the Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, to celebrate the success of the College's Appeal to endow a Fellowship in English. Among the guests were:
Professor Gillian Beer, U.A. Fanthorpe, Dr Anne Hogg, Joanna Lumley, Sir Richard Southwood, Professor and Mrs George Steiner, Lord Walton of Detchant, Lord and Lady Weidenfeld, Lord and Lady Wolfson, the Principal of St Edmund's Hall and representatives of The Drapers' Company.

Lady Jean Christie

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jean Christie will be held at St John's, East Witton, Yorkshire, on Tuesday, June 27, at noon.

Geoffrey Parsons

A Memorial Service for the late Geoffrey Parsons will be held at St Cyprian's Church, Clarence Gate, London, NW1, on Sunday, July 2, at 3.00pm.

Memorial services

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry

A memorial service for Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, wartime code-breaker and former Ceremonial Officer, Civil Service Department, was held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert Dampier. Lord Armstrong of Ilminster read the lesson and Miss Alda Milner-Barry, daughter, read *Psalm 15*. Captain A.B. Sainsbury gave an address.

The Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service was represented by Mr Anthony Merifield, Ceremonial Officer, Cabinet Office. Among others present were:
Lady Milner-Barry (widow), Mr and Mrs Philip Milner-Barry (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Jane Ballard (daughter), Mr Joe Flores (son-in-law), Kitty Ballard, Edward Ballard, Charlotte Milner-Barry and Sarah Milner-Barry (grandchildren), Mrs Patrick Milner-Barry (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Anthony Cutler (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr Simon Milner-Barry, Mrs Richard Carne, Mr Andrew Carne, Miss Faith Lyons.
Lady Trend, Sir Antony and Lady Duff, Sir Michael Alexander, Lady Clarke, Sir Frederick Mason, Mr Roger and Dame Mary Hedley-Miller, Mrs Faye Ainscow, Mr and Mrs Ralph Bennett, Mr and Mrs Raymond Gedling, Mr P Griffiths, Mr J Mark, Mrs P Morgan, Mr and Mrs Martin Moynihan, Mr and Mrs Douglas Nicoll, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell, Dr T M L Price, *Dr Diana Rees, Mrs A B Sainsbury, Miss Jane* Seymour, Major and Mrs W A Watson, Mr William Watson, the Chief Conductor of *The Times* British Schools Chess Championship the Headmaster of the Royal Russell School, Croydon, and Mrs Balaam and representatives of the Southern Counties Chess Union, the Blackheath Wives' Fellowship and the Bletchley Park Trust.

Major Sir James Scott-Hopkins

The Lord Chancellor was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Major Sir James Scott-Hopkins, former MP and MEP, held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster.

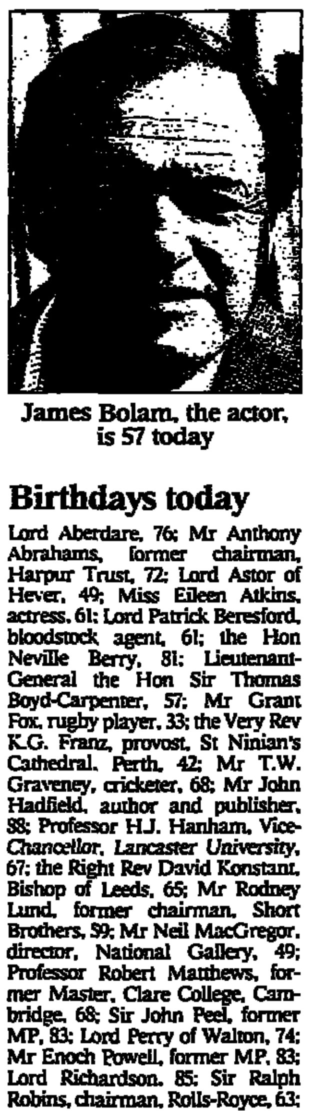
Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated. Mr Tim Smith, MP, son-in-law, and Lord Shaw of Northstead read the lessons. Sir John Wells read from the works of John Donne and Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, gave an address

The Speaker was represented by Mr Michael *Morris, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of* Ways and Means. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chairman of the Conservative Party and the High Commissioner for Cyprus attended. Among others present were:
Lady Scott-Hopkins (widow), Mr James B Scott-Hopkins (son), Major and Mrs Michael Scott-Hopkins and Mr and Mrs Anthony Scott-Hopkins (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Tim Smith (daughter), Miss Catherine Scott-Hopkins, Mr Richard Scott-Hopkins, Mr Harry Smith and Mr Charlie Smith (grandchildren), Colonel David Hargreaves (brother-in-law), Mrs J Hargreaves (sister-in-law), Colonel and Mrs Patrick Hargreaves, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, MP, and Mrs Hargreaves, Major and Mrs G W Lamb, Mr and Mrs Dennys Scott, Mrs Norton-Fagge, Mr and Mrs Clive Scott-Hopkins, Mr and Mrs Edward Scott-Hopkins, Mr Charles Scott-Hopkins, Miss Emma Scott-Hopkins, Mr and Mrs D W Hargreaves, Miss J H Hargreaves, the Hon Mrs Grant.
Viscount Tonypandy, Lord Bauer, Lord and Lady Bethell, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lady Crickhowell, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord Finsberg, Lord Inglewood, Lord and Lady Johnston of Rockport, Lord Kingsland, QC, Lord Prior, Baroness Rawlings, Lord Tugendhat, Lord Weatherill, Mr John Biffen, MP, Sir John Cope, MP, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, and Mrs Ryder, Mr John D Taylor, MP.
Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Lady Rhys Williams, Sir Gareth Rhys Williams, Sir Fred and Lady Catherwood, Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Sir Anthony Garner, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Sir Ralph Howell, MP, Sir David Knox, MP, Sir Michael Lickiss, Sir Tom Normanton, Sir James Spicer, MP, Sir John Stokes, Sir William van Straubenzee, Sir Fred Warner, Mr Neil Elles and Baroness Elles.
Mr Peter Beazley, MEP, and Mrs Beazley, Mrs Barbara Boddington, Miss Tanya Corrie, Mrs Shirley Cosgrave, Ms Margaret Daly, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Mr and Mrs Michael Fetherston-Dilke, Mr D F Freeman, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Miss Angela Hooper, Mr and Mrs Paul Howell, Mr Stanley Johnson, Mr John Jones, Mr Eric Koops, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, MP, Mr Michael Mates, MP.
Mr William Newton Dunn, Mr Matthew Parris, Mr and Mrs Derek Prag, Mr Peter Price, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr Mark Rimmer, Mr Peter Sanguinetti, Mr and Mrs Madron Seligman, Mr E *F Seymour-Rouse, Mr Richard Simmonds,* Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, and Mrs Spencer, Mr J D Steward, Mr John Sweetman, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Mr and Mrs Simon Walsh, Mr Michael Welsh, Mrs Eileen Wright and representatives of the European Communities Economic and Social Committee, the European League for Economic Co-operation, the Peter Kirk Memorial Fund, the West Derbyshire, Leominster, Hereford, Bromsgrove and West Midlands Conservative Associations, the British Association of the Experiment in International Living, the Herefordshire, Shropshire and Wyre Forest European Constituency, the Worcestershire and South Warwickshire European Constituency and the Worcester Constituency.

The Very Rev Professor Robert Craig

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Very Rev Professor Robert Craig, a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, held yesterday at St Cuthbert's, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

The Rev T.C. Cuthell, Minister of St Cuthbert's, officiated, assisted by the Rev John Jarvie. Major John Craig, son, and Brigadier F.H. Coutts, also representing the Society of Friends of St Andrew's, Jerusalem, read the lessons. The Rev W. Uist Macdonald gave an address.


James Bolam, the actor, is 57 today

Birthdays today

Lord Aberdare, 76; Mr Anthony Abrahams, former chairman, Harpur Trust, 72; Lord Astor of Hever, 49; Miss Eileen Atkins, actress, 61; Lord Patrick Beresford, bloodstock agent, 61; the Hon Neville Berry, 81; Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, 57; Mr Grant Fox, rugby player, 33; the Very Rev K.G. Franz, provost, St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, 42; Mr T.W. Graveney, cricketer, 68; Mr John Hadfield, author and publisher, 88; Professor H.J. Hanham, Vice-*Chancellor, Lancaster University,* 67; the Right Rev David Konstant, Bishop of Leeds, 65; Mr Rodney Lund, former chairman, Short Brothers, 59; Mr Neil MacGregor, director, National Gallery, 49; Professor Robert Matthews, former Master, Clare College, Cambridge, 68; Sir John Peel, former MP, 83; Lord Perry of Walton, 74; Mr Enoch Powell, former MP, 83; Lord Richardson, 85; Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, Rolls-Royce, 63; Mr Robert St John Wright, chairman, London Philharmonic, 45; Professor Erich Segal, writer, 58; Sir Nigel Wicks, civil servant, 55; Mr Simon Williams, actor, 49.

The Bristol Society

The Lord-Lieutenant of Avon and Somerset, Sir John Wills, Bt, The High Sheriff of Avon and The Lord Bishop of Bristol were present at a Lecture given for the Society by Lord Rees-Mogg, at the Council House last night. Mr St John Hartnell, Chairman of the Society, presided and Mr David Marsh of Burges Salmon gave the vote of thanks. Burges Salmon hosted a supper afterwards.

Luncheons

The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government in Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of the Hungarian Deputy Foreign Minister.

Armourers and Brasiers' Company
The Rev Piers Warburton, Master of the Armourers and Brasiers' Company, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State foir Defence, were the speakers at a victory commemoration luncheon held yesterday at Armourers' Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and to remember all those who fought for their country *across the* world.

Institute of Actuaries
Mr Christopher Daykin, President of the Institute of Actuaries, was host at a luncheon on June 14 at Staple Inn Hall which was attended by the Lord Mayor of London.

Service reunion

Indian Army Association
Captain Sir Charles Frossard, President of the Indian Army Association, received the guests at the annual reunion held yesterday at the Hurlingham Club.

Service luncheons

The Cameronians
Lieutenant-Colonel A.C.A. Mackinnon presided at a luncheon of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall.

2nd Punjab Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Derek Milman presided at the annual luncheon of the 2nd Punjab Regiment Officers' Association held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall.

The Rajputana Rifles
Mr John Keegan was the principal guest at the annual luncheon of the The Rajputana Rifles Reunion Association held yesterday at The Duke of York's Headquarters. Major R.T. Hungerford presided.

10th Baluch Regiment
The 10th Baluch Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held a luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Brigadier J.P. Randle, president, was in the chair.

Mahratta Light Infantry
Lieutenant-Colonel P.M.W. Doyle presided at the annual reunion luncheon of The Mahratta Light Infantry Regimental Association held yesterday at the National Army Museum, Chelsea.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gustav V, King of Sweden 1907-50, Drottningholm, 1858; Stan Laurel, comedian, Ulverston, Lancashire, 1890; Lupino Lane, music hall performer, London, 1892.

DEATHS: John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, general, Windsor, 1722; Charles Sturt, explorer in Australia, Cheltenham, 1869; Elmer Sperry, inventor, Brooklyn, New York, 1930; Margaret Bondfield, trades union organiser and Minister of Labour 1929-31, Sanderstead, Surrey, 1953; Imre Nagy, Premier of Hungary 1953-55 and 1956, executed Budapest, 1958; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, Field Marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, Slough, 1969; John Reith, 1st Baron Reith, 1st Director-General of the BBC 1927-38, Edinburgh, 1971; Wernher von Braun, pioneer of rocketry, Alexandra, Virginia, 1977.

Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West, 1961.

Valentina Tereshkova of the Soviet Union became the first woman in space, 1963.

University news

Cambridge
Professor Alec Broers is to be Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University from October 1, 1996, in succession to Sir David Williams, QC. Professor Broers is Master of Churchill College, and Head of the Department of Engineering at the university.

The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre

The Tenth Bagrit Evening was held on Thursday, June 15, at The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine. The lecture "Giving Nature a Helping Hand - The Science of Tissue Repair" was delivered by Dr Alan Suggett, Group Director Research and Development at the Smith and Nephew Group Research Centre in York. A dinner was then held in the atrium of The Centre. Among those present were:
Lady Bagrit, Sir Matthew and Lady Farrer, Lady Pearson, Dr and Mrs Klaus Wild, Professor Colin Caro and Professor Richard Kitney (Director of the Centre).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.R. Collinson
and Mrs L.R. Sclater
The engagement is announced between Mr Anthony Collinson, of Capernwray, Lancashire, and Mrs Lucy Sclater, née Bagot, of Levens, Cumbria.

Dr L.K. Flackett
and Miss E.M. Field
The engagement is announced between Luigi Keith, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Vernon Flackett, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Frank Field, of Keele.

Mr M.S. Huddlestone
and Miss C.J. Kothe
The engagement is announced between Mark Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs William Huddlestone, of Horsham, West Sussex, and Christina Jane, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Fritz Kothe, of Geneva, formerly of Rotterdam.

Mr J.G. Smith
and the Hon Doone White
The engagement is announced between Julian Gervase, son of Mr and Mrs Antony Smith, of Orcheston, Wiltshire, and Doone Patricia, elder daughter of the late Lord Annaly and of Mrs Jennifer Smith-Bingham, of Corton, *Wiltshire*.

Marriage

Mr J.W.B. Levick
and Miss S.A.L.M. Blanchard
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 3, 1995, at St Michael's Church, Bracewell, of Mr Jonathan W.B. Levick, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Levick, of Bracewell and Holbrook, Suffolk, to Miss Stephanie A.L.M. Blanchard, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Blanchard, of London and the USA. Father Lancaster and Father M. Forrest officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her niece Jessie Blanchard. Mr Charles Seymour was best man.

A reception was held at Priory Cottage and the honeymoon will be spent in Malaysia.

Appointment

Mr Mike Jackson to be Ambassador to Costa Rica from September in succession to Miss M.L. Croll who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Horticulture

When car parts come up in the garden

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SOFT fabrics and car parts have been used by avant garde designer Paul Cooper in his gardens at the third BBC *Gardeners' World Live* national flower and garden show.

While these daring designs, for Hereford College of Art and Design and the carmakers Ford, may not appeal to everyone, few could fail to be impressed by the woodland glade for wildlife designed by David Keary for Coles Nurseries, of Thurnby, Leicestershire, in association with BBC *Wildlife* magazine.

Television gardener Geoff Hamilton, who almost single-handedly started the current cottage garden craze, has created for the *Daily Express* a delightful example of this style at the show, which opened on Wednesday in Birmingham.

David Stevens's formal fruit garden for BBC *Gardeners' World* magazine displays more than 50 varieties of tree and soft fruits with plenty of growing ideas, such as training trees on trellis screens and planting strawberries in a raised pyramid shaped bed.

The Sunday Times and Rentokil Tropical Plants of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, have created a tropical garden to show the wide range of flowering and foliage plants that can be used as house plants and for interior landscapes, including giant palms and spectacular orchids and bromeliads.

New for this year is a watergarden area, which ranges from the traditional, such as colourful display of water lilies and other aquatics from Stapeley Water Gardens, of Nantwich, Cheshire; the Japanese water garden from Shirley Aquatics, of Shirley, West Midlands; to the unusual, particularly the ornamental reedbed garden from Flowform, of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, in which water is purified by being circulated and filtered through plant roots.

In the Royal Horticultural Society's floral marquee flowers and plants from around the world are being shown by more than 100 of the country's leading nurseries.

The award for the best exhibit in the RHS show has been won by Dibleys Nurseries of Ruthin, North Wales, for a display of streptocarpus (Cape primroses), which ranges from dark velvety purple "Lynette", to their own hybrid "Gloria" with a cascade of small pale pink flowers.

The Japanese woodland plant *Arisaema Sikokianum*, with its distinctive brown and white spathe is being featured by Potterton & Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, together with a South Africa rock plant, rhodohypoxis, spangled with starry flowers in shades of pink, plus white.

Some of the distinctive and exceptionally spiny succulent plants unique to the island of Madagascar, and others from South Africa, are being shown by Toobees Exotics, of Woking, Surrey, including rare plants and newly discovered species of euphorbia.

Westdale Nurseries, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, have brought a touch of brilliant Mediterranean colour to the show with a display of bougainvilleas, climbing plants which came originally from South America. The hybrids on show range from bright red "Scarlett O'Hara" to "Orange Glow".

From nearer home, many European herbs including mints and thymes are attractively displayed in a knot garden from Jekka's Herb Farm, of Alveston, Bristol, where an Australian mint bush, *Prostanthera Cuneata*, forms low aromatic hedges around some of the beds.

Lupins are being shown by Woodfield Brothers, of Tiddington, Warwickshire, including their own New Generation strain which comes in all colours from white to deep purple.

The show, in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, presented by BBC Haymarket Exhibitions in association with the Royal Horticultural Society and the *Daily Express*, is open between 9am and 5pm and closes at 5pm on Sunday, June 18. The ticket hotline is 0121-767 4111.

St Columba's College

St Columba's College, St Albans, this year celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the refounding of the School by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The School will be open to visitors on Sunday, July 2, 10.30am to 3.30pm (with Mass at noon), and on Friday, September 29, there will be a celebration mass at noon in St Albans Cathedral. Old Columbans will be particularly welcome at these occasions and are invited to contact Brother Clement at the College.

St John's School, Leatherhead

Scholarship Awards 1995
The following awards are announced:

Academic Awards
Lower Sixth Exhibitions: Jennifer Siddall, City of London Freemen's; Claire Speller, Guildford High.
Fourth Form
Scholarships: Cameron Snell, Danes Hill; Alexander Tsergas, Danes Hill; Robert Wylie, Downsend.
Exhibitions: Benjamin Arnold, Ripley Court; Joel Diamond, Danes Hill; Nicholas Gilmour, Hoe Bridge; David Pay, Hoe Bridge.
All-Rounder Exhibitions
Anthony Ellis, Pennthorpe; James Harvey, Danes Hill; Gordon Hanna, Newland House; Stephen Robinson, Feltonfleet; David Saunders, Aberdour.
Art Awards
Scholarship: Cameron Snell, Danes Hill.
Exhibitions: James Harvey, Danes Hill; Bashar Labban, Shrewsbury House; James Michel, Ripley Court.

Dinners

Broderers' Company
The Lord Mayor, Alderman Christopher Walford, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the principal guest at a dinner given last night at Mercers' Hall by the Broderers' Company to mark the election of Mr J.M. Wheeler as New Master, Alderman B.E. Toye as Warden and Mr S.G. Errington as Renter Warden. Among those present were:
The Hon Mr Justice Ferris, His Honour Judge Verney, His Honour Judge Beddard, the Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company, the Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company and the Master of the Wheelwrights' Company.

Pakistan Society
The 43rd Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, on Wednesday, June 14. The High Commissioner for Pakistan presided and the guests were received by the Chairman, Sir Oliver Forster. The Guest of Honour was Mr Aitzaz Ahsan, a member of the Pakistan Senate, and Sir Frederic Bennett replied on behalf of the Guests. Other speakers were Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Sir Derek Hornby and Professor William Baker.

Röntgen Centenary Congress
The Lord Mayor of Birmingham was present at the Röntgen Centenary Congress dinner and dance held last night at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham. Professor Ian Isherwood, president of the congress, was the host. Professor Peter Peters of the University of Münster, Germany, was the principal guest.

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God is not a mortal that he should lie, not a man that he should change his mind. Would he speak, and not make it good? What he proclaims, will he not fulfil?
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BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - See Stewart-Liberty.

CAUSER - On 9th June, to Gillian (née Rowe) and Christopher, a daughter, Rosemary Isobel, a sister for George.

CONSTANTINE SMITH - On June 9th, to Anita and David, a son, Frederick Thomas, a brother for Sophie, Rose and Kitty.

HORRELL - On June 12th 1995, to Lucinda (née Woolland) and Anthony, a son, Harry Anthony Charles.

LACH - On 8th June 1995 at home, to Nicky (née Menzies) and Daniel, a son, Michael Thomas Daniel.

OSBORNE - On 27th May 1995, to Joanne Garner and Vincent Osborne, a daughter, Mata Lianne Garner.

PETRIE - On June 14th, to Juliet (née Southwell) and William, a daughter, Isabella.

RILEY - On 12th June at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Julie (née Stanton) and Stephen, a son, Hector James Morgan.

ROGERSON - On 6th June, to Selina (née Bull) and Keith, a son, Noah Randolph Scott, a brother for Thea and Sorcha.

SANDY - On Wednesday 7th June 1995, to Elizabeth (née Curra) and Duncan, a beloved son, Benjamin Oscar Sebastian. A dream come true! Happiness always.

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TAPPENDEN - On 14th June 1995, to Julia and Clive, a daughter, Alexandra June. Weighed 6lbs 4¼oz.

WHARMBY - On June 13th 1995, to Sylvia (née Sillett) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Alice.

DEATHS

ALEXANDRE - Arthur Charles, peacefully at home, on 14th June in his 81st year. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation Service Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, 12.15 pm 21st June. Donations, if desired, to Harrow Museum, Headstone Manor, Pinner View, Harrow HA2 6PX. Reg Charity No.1035534.

BOYCE - Mary Kathleen (lately Sister Anne Celine of the Daughters of the Cross, Carshalton and St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam) on 11th June in Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, after a long illness borne with great dignity and courage. Her strength and wisdom and enthusiasm for life will be sorely missed by her brother Tom and sister Peggy, Phyllis, her nieces and nephews and many friends around the globe. Funeral Mass on Thursday 22nd June at St Thomas Moore Church, Maresfield Gardens, NW3 at 12.30 pm followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to James Crook, 259 Kilburn High Road, NW6 by 11 am.

DALTON - On 14th June 1995, Dilys Marguerite (née Herschell), aged 82 years, of Mill Hill, NW7, very dearly loved wife of the late *Maurice Henry, and mother* of Bruce, Timothy and Tessa. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium on Thursday, 22nd June at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Richmond Fellowship, 8 Addison Road, London W14 8DL.

DICKINSON - Ruby Margaret (née Dudley) on 10th June 1995 at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. Widow of Ernest, beloved mother of Christine Gabriel, mother-in-law of Alan and grandmother of Andrew and Simon. Funeral Service at Caversham Heights Methodist Church on Monday 19th June 1995 at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to A.B. Walker and Son Limited, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

GLENNY - On June 14th, peacefully in hospital, Rex Glenny, CBE, much loved husband of Betty. Funeral Service at St John's Wood Church on Tuesday June 20th at 12 noon. Flowers and all enquiries to H.J. Bent & Co., 1C Westminster Court, Aberdeen Place, NW8 8JN, tel: (0171) 723-1186.

GOAT - On June 11th in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Dr. Valerie Ann Goat, after a courageous fight against leukaemia. Much loved and respected sister, friend and colleague. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, 20th June at 2 pm at the church of St Thomas More, Kidlington, Oxford. No flowers by her own request. Donations in lieu for the John Radcliffe Hospital Ward 5E Nurses Education Fund and Haematology Research c/o J & M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

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GREEN - Elizabeth, of St John's Wood, London NW8, on June 9th in hospital after a short illness. Greatly missed by Suzanne and Peter and family, many friends and all the Charities for which she worked. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 27th June at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to John Nodes Funeral Directors, (0181) 969-1819.

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HOLLOWAY - On 13th June, in hospital, Bernard John, dearly loved husband of Sylvia and father of Andrew, Nigel and Jenny. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Backwell, on Monday 19th June at 2.30pm followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations may be sent for the British Heart Foundation c/o Arthur E. Davey & Sons, Funeral Directors, 82 Silver Street, Nailsea, BS19 2DS. tel: (01275) 852307.

HOPKINS - Frederick Robert (Freddie) Hopkins, FCA, and Barrister-at-Law. Died among friends suddenly, on 13th June. Funeral: Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, 12 noon 20th June. Family flowers only. Donations in aid of Royal Marsden Hospital, may be sent c/o Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, (01273) 821985.

JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE - Anthony, peacefully in hospital on 14th June after a short illness. Requiem mass at Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, Wednesday 21st June, at 10 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Leukaemia Research Fund, Gt. Ormond Street, WC1N 3JJ.

MUNSTER - On June 13th 1995, died peacefully in hospital, Alexa, Countess of Munster, aged 70, beloved wife of Tony. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Lingfield, Surrey, Friday 23rd June at 11 am. Flowers to Gaiger & Co., 48 High Street, Godstone, Surrey or donations to the Macmillan Fund.

PRESTON - Reverend John Martyn, late of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, of heart failure on 7th June 1995. A very dear brother.

RADERMACHER - On June 12th 1995, peacefully following a short illness, Guy Hilditch, a very dearly loved and most loving husband of Eileen, father of Susan and Anne and grandfather of Catherine, Josephine, Lydia and Georgina. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service for his life at St Barnabas Church, Ranmore, Dorking, on Wednesday June 21st at 2 pm, to which all who knew him are most welcome.

SMITH - On June 14th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Sir (Frank) Ewart Smith, FEng, FRS, aged 98. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen and dearly loved father of Pauline and the late Richard, loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Private funeral, but if desired donations to The Salvation Army c/o G.M. Luff & Partners Ltd., 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1JH.

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SQUIRES - On 13th June 1995, Patricia Margaret Mary (née Scannell), dearly loved wife of Arthur and adored mother of Patrick, Alicia and Francis and Nonna to Owen, Patrick and Roisin. Requiem Mass 12 noon Tuesday 20th June at the Friary, Clevedon. Requiescat in Pace.

TATHAM - On 11th June, Margaret Elizabeth, aged 76 years, daughter of the late Rev'd and Mrs Charles Tatham. Funeral Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on 26th June at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, for Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral or Chelmsford Hospice c/o M. Lucking & Sons, 195 New *London Road*, Chelmsford, CM2 0AE.

VON FÜRER-HAIMENDORF - Christoph, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, on 11th June 1995, beloved husband of the late Betty, father of Nicholas and grandfather of Christopher and Max. Funeral Service at the Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, W8 on Friday, 23rd June at 11 am followed by private cremation. Flowers or if preferred donations to Anthropological Initiatives Trust may be sent c/o J.H. Kenyon Ltd., Funeral Directors, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA.

WHEELER - On June 14th 1995, peacefully at Drimoleague Nursing Home, Crowthorne, Cynthia, dearest wife of Howard Wheeler. Funeral at Easthampstead Crematorium Bracknell, on Wednesday June 21st at 2.30 pm. Donations to The Stroke Association.

WIDDEN - Peacefully on 12th June at Kilfillan House, Berkhamsted, Evelyn May Widden, aged 90 years. Funeral at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Monday 26th June at 2 pm. No flowers please.

WILLIAMSON - Caroline, on June 13th 1995, peacefully after a long illness. Devoted mother to Sally, Fiona and James. Funeral at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Friday 23rd June at 10.40am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to League of Friends of The William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

WOOTTON - Tragically on June 11th 1995, Christopher Stanley, adoring father of Clover and Patience, husband of Moo, beloved son of the late Tom and Betty, devoted brother and uncle. Family cremation 11 am Hereford, Tuesday 20th June, followed by service at Upton Bishop 2 pm.

WORRALL - On 15th June 1995 peacefully at Dorchester Hospital, Angela of Ansty, Dorset, aged 69 years. Widow of Lt. Col. Denis Worrall M.C., mother of Richard and the late James, grandmother of Katie, William and Eve. Cremation private, a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Andrew's Church, Melcombe Bingham, on Thursday 22nd June at 3pm. Donations if desired for St Andrew's Church, Melcombe Bingham, may be sent to Colin J. Close Funeral Service, 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset, tel: (01258) 453133.

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OBITUARIES

RENÉ MARTELL

René Firino-Martell, head of the family cognac company between 1977 and 1988, died in Nice on June 6 aged 68. He was born in Neuilly-sur-Seine on February 19, 1927.

RENÉ MARTELL was one of the old-style patriarchs of the once family-run cognac industry that has now passed into the hands of conglomerates both French and foreign. In the case of the Martell company, control passed in 1988 to the Canadian spirits giant Seagram. However, "Monsieur René", as he was known in the Charente department, wrung an extremely high price from the Bronfman family and secured continued local management by the Martell family.

It was René Martell who expanded the company to the point where it became the second biggest cognac house. "In the drinks market," he once said, "cognac is a rock. Around it swirls the sea of whatever product is in fashion." The company under his direction proved to be an irresistible target for raiders, which at one time included Grand Metropolitan, the British wine and spirits group.

When he bowed out in 1988 with a cheque for $850 million, Martell was a brand name firmly established around the world with sales far beyond traditional export markets in Britain — where it accounted for 40 per cent of all the cognac drunk — the United States and Asia, particularly Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan.

René Firino-Martell was an eighth generation descendant of Jean Martell, the wine merchant from Jersey who founded the Martell company in 1715 in a house that has been carefully preserved to this day.

René Martell, right, with Patrick Martell, left, and Edgar Bronfman Jr. announcing Seagam's takeover of the cognac company in 1988

After studies in Bordeaux and the United States, he started work for the company at the age of 22 in an atmosphere completely dominated by Martell family members. His brother Michel, who headed the company before him, was responsible for the initial postwar boost in cognac sales outside France.

Martell, with its sales of 1.8 million 12-bottle cases a year, ranked second to Hennessy, its neighbour in Cognac, a one-industry town of 20,000 inhabitants, where the smell of ageing brandy hangs everywhere. The Hennessys, now part of the LVMH luxury goods empire of the French financier Bernard Arnault, were more flamboyant thanks to their Irish background and their horse-racing traditions, but Monsieur René was considered locally as the "King of Cognac".

He was steeped in the art of making the drink — a spirit which can take 60 years to mature — and had his brother's negotiating skills. They were more than useful when the somewhat cosy cognac world was shaken by the takeover battle for Martell which started in the summer of 1987 when Grand Metropolitan acquired 10 per cent of the shares in a deal that valued Martell at $500 million. It was then that Edgar Bronfman Jr of Seagram launched a counter-bid and started negotiating with a man he later described as being driven by intense pride in the family name.

During the six months of negotiation, Martell played off the rival British and Canadian bids and constantly drove up the price. He and some 40 other family members controlled more than 40 per cent of the shares, comfortably above the French "blocking minority" of 34 per cent.

The deal which was finally concluded with Seagram represented a sum that was 36 times Martell's annual earnings. The Canadians threw a glamorous "victory" party in the Eiffel Tower restaurant. But René Martell remained on the supervisory board, while his nephew, Patrick, became head of the main board, a major concession by the Canadians. So, to some extent, the Martell company carried on as before as it approached its 300th birthday.

René Martell officially retired in 1989, but he continued to spend a lot of time in Cognac, where he was active as a benefactor to the local community and built a car racing track for the town.

Under Michel and René Martell, the company extended its markets into some 140 countries. Britain, with its taste for the Cordon Bleu and VS brands, ranked fifth worldwide outside France, behind the US, Hong Kong, mainland China and Japan.

René Martell had already seen mainland China as the coming market. His death robbed him of greeting Chinese cognac importers, invited by him and the family to the town this weekend for an elaborate celebration of Martell's 280th anniversary. Conceived because the number is perceived by the Chinese to be lucky, it was one of René Martell's last marketing ploys.

He is survived by his second wife and five children from his first marriage.

MAJOR AUBREY DAVIDSON-HOUSTON

Major Aubrey Davidson-Houston, portrait painter, died on June 10 aged 89. He was born on February 2, 1906.

IT WAS the unusual experience of Aubrey Davidson-Houston to learn to draw while a prisoner of war for five years in Nazi Germany. The "apprenticeship" served him well. Switching from the Army to painting after the war, he became a highly successful portraitist and one of the most prolific of his day.

He painted the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, Enid Blyton, Douglas Bader and as many as eight field marshals. Yet he started by sketching other inmates of Offlag-VIIB. A regular soldier in the Royal Sussex Regiment, he was one of the first officers to be captured in the Second World War.

On patrol near the Maginot Line he was waiting for a colleague to relieve him when the Germans turned up instead. Prisoner No 246, as he became, started drawing his bored compatriots in the camp so that they could send back his sketches to their families. He turned out nearly 700, discovering a rare gift for drawing likenesses. They served as snapshots for anxious mothers and wives.

Aubrey Davidson-Houston with his 1972 portrait of the Duke of Edinburgh

After his eventual release, Davidson-Houston was posted to the School of Infantry, then to the War Office, before being offered the command of his own regiment. But, to everyone's surprise, he turned it down. Instead, at the age of 43, he took a gamble by accepting a place at the Slade School of Fine Art. His ancestors would have been shocked by his decision.

Born in Dublin, Aubrey Claud Davidson-Houston was the son of a lieutenant-colonel who had fought in the Boer War and was later to be made the Governor of Montserrat and St Lucia. Nearly every male forebear had been a soldier, so Davidson-Houston's progress from St Edward's School, Oxford, to Sandhurst was almost preordained.

He chose the Royal Sussex Regiment because he had spent his school holidays in the county while his parents were in the Caribbean. Commissioned in 1925, he was ADC to the Governor of Western Australia from 1927 to 1930. Seconded to the Nigeria Regiment he then served with the West African Frontier Force for four years, by which time the prospect of war was overshadowing Europe.

But an uncle had been an amateur watercolourist, suggesting an inherited gift needing expression. His five years as a guest of the Third Reich provided the time and opportunity to develop it. He once compared his prison camp to a college, where young men from all walks of life were happy to pass on their skills to others.

Not only did he learn to draw there but he also made hand-crafted models from old packing cases. On hearing that his wife had had their baby, he made a perfect replica of a sailing boat, then on hearing that the baby was a girl, he switched to making furniture for a doll's house.

His workmanship was so perfect that his daughter never dared risked playing with i. when little. Life in camp also provided Davidson-Houston with contacts which were to prove invaluable later on. On graduating from the Slade (where he won the anatomy prize) he found a ready-made clientele waiting for him.

The first and only exhibition of his work took place at the Walker's Galleries, New Bond Street, in 1953. He painted colonels-in-chief for officers' messes, moving on to fill company boardrooms and headmasters' studies. He sketched flowers for relaxation and spent hours doing sketches of the ballet, which he loved. He would sit throughout ballet rehearsals depicting the scene in red chalk — then selling the products at his studio in the Fulham Road.

He made his living, however, by painting portraits, nearly all of which were commissioned in advance. He painted the Queen for The Royal Welch Fusiliers (the portrait was later used for a St Lucia postage stamp) and four pictures of the Duke of Edinburgh, including one which now hangs in the House of Lords and another (thought to be among his best) in the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, Pall Mall.

Others of the Royal Family who sat for him were Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Prince of Wales (whom he painted twice for the Royal Regiment of Wales), the late Princess Mary the Princess Royal, the late Prince Henry Duke of Gloucester (three times) and the present Duchess of Kent.

His picture of Lieutenant-General "Boy" Browning was recently accepted by the National Portrait Gallery, while other examples of his work hang at Oxford and Cambridge colleges. His output over 40-odd years reached 872 — and the critical might be tempted to add that it was notable more for its qauntity than for its quality.

But he never charged excessively for his portraits. His prices ranged from £1,500 for a head and shoulders to several thousand pounds for a larger work showing the hands. He always took great care in painting hands and specialised in them. He said that people's hands could be as expressive as their faces.

He was a founder trustee of the Joint Education Trust, 1971-86. He also became a governor of his old school, St Edward's.

He remained, however, a modest unassuming man with old-fashioned courtesy and charm and perfect manners.

His wife Nina died in 1961 and he leaves their daughter.

RORY GALLAGHER

Rory Gallagher, guitarist, died from complications after a liver transplant operation, on June 14 aged 46. He was born on March 2, 1949.

RORY GALLAGHER was a gritty Irish blues guitarist and singer, who had a considerable influnce on guitar playing over the last two decades. He was an uncompromisingly serious musician, and was dismayed at the way in which the pressure to produce another hit single inevitably watered down a performer's style. For this reason he rarely cut singles himself, preferring to reach his audience through albums and concerts.

This was fortunate, for if there was ever music which demanded live conditions it was Gallagher's. He usually played in smokey pubs and clubs, drinking Guinness with fans while the support band played. Twenty minutes before going on, he would take refuge in his dressing room for a concentrated tuning-up. He was a shy man who suffered badly from nerves before each performance, but once he began to play he lost himself. He worked furiously for an hour-and-a-half, barely taking a break from song to song except to retune the overheated strings on his battered and peeling Stratocaster guitar.

This was a working band and Gallagher was confident enough never to slide into unnecessary pyrotechnics. He was notoriously scruffy on stage, favouring lumberjack shirts, jeans and trainers. But neither this nor his unkempt hair could detract from what was, in his youth, an angelic face.

Jerry Gallagher was born in Ballyshannon, Co Donegal, though he later moved south to Cork. He started playing guitar at the age of nine, when skiffle was the fashion, and formed several groups at school before leaving when he was 15. The Irish music scene was then dominated by the big showbands with little demand for groups, so Gallagher joined The Impact Showband. Each of the band was asked to sing in the manner of a particular star and Gallagher chose Chuck Berry.

In 1965 he started his own blues-based rock group, Taste, which made a name for itself when it moved to London in the late 1960s, though it only broke into the album charts with *Live Taste* after the band had officially broken up. Meanwhile Gallagher had formed another band with two Irish musicians, Gerry McAvoy on bass and Wilgar Campbell on drums.

Initially, the concertgoing public had no idea who plain Rory Gallagher — as he now billed himself — was, though he had the support of a handful of enthusiastic managers and bookers. He was asked to play gigs in huge halls like the Philharmonic in Liverpool, and would find himself performing to only a few hundred people. But

Gallagher had charisma, playing the blues like a man possessed, and the news spread fast.

The idea of a blues guitarist from Cork, amusing to journalists as it was at first, was less of an anachronism than it seemed. Gallagher was a courageously honest performer, writing his own material, and he considered the blues to be the most personal form of musical expression.

His first two albums were small hits and the following year, after international tours, his third, *Live In Europe* (1972), reached the Top Ten. Personnel changes followed with Rod d'Ath replacing Campbell on drums and Lou Martin coming in on keyboards.

By the mid-1970s, Gallagher had become a huge live draw not just in Britain but in America where he was routinely filling 5,000-seat concert halls. His live albums tended to be more exciting than his studio work but *Against the Grain* (1975) broke the studio jinx.

He rode triumphantly against the pop music fashions of the late 1970s, unsullied by punk or new wave — though there were some nights when his blues had more of a jazz influence, or was more rock-based or folksy. His stage shows remained purist, the only effect coming from music and audience — no bangs and whirling lights and no fancy dress.

Gallagher released fewer albums in the 1980s, and, having made some unwise business decisions, he tended to get slightly lost among younger artists who rode in on the blues revival. Eventually he was forced to record on his own label, having no contract with any of the big companies. None of this worried him as much as the diminishing opportunities for impromptu jam sessions in London, and his concerts continued to draw the crowds.

Gallagher was a quiet, friendly man, the ultimate musical anti-hero. While he was happy talk to fans after a concert, he was reluctant to go along to the big showbusiness events.

He never married and had no children.

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TOM TOMLINSON

Tom Tomlinson, former National Park warden, died on May 30 aged 87. He was born on February 6, 1908.

TOM TOMLINSON was Britain's first full-time countryside ranger and the first warden in the Peak National Park.

Born at Rossendale, Lancashire, Thomas Dorrington Tomlinson left school at the age of 12 to work in a slipper factory. He studied French and Spanish at night school, however, and by the time he was 16 had a job with a firm importing hides. He was also a talented footballer and was signed up as an amateur by Burnley Football Club.

In 1926 he moved to London to work at a Baptist mission in the East End and eventually became a lay preacher. Tomlinson registered as a conscientious objector at the outbreak of the Second World War and, instead of joining the Armed Forces, worked on the land.

After the war he was appointed warden of the Edale Youth Hostel at Rowland Cote, Edale — the starting point for walkers crossing the Pennine Way.

He was one of the first to complete the 250-mile route in a party that included Sir John Hunt, who had just returned from the conquest of Everest.

Ten years later came his appointment as the Peak District National Park's first chief warden.

For the next twenty years he patrolled the moors. Supported at first by six part-time wardens, he initiated a service which now has 23 full-time and 200 part-time rangers covering the 555-square mile park.

Tomlinson left the warden service in 1968 to become the first Youth Liaison Warden, lecturing to and leading school groups on discovery walks. He retired from this post in 1973.

In addition to his Peak District National Park duties he was active in a variety of interests locally and was clerk to the Hathersage and the Outseats parish councils.

He was a great student of local history and wrote 20 booklets on the subject. In retirement he continued to lead children in field studies in local and natural history.

Tom Tomlinson's wife Hilda died in 1993; he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

ON THIS DAY

June 16, 1789

John Walter, founder of The Times, *paid dearly for his injudicious paragraph accusing the royal dukes of hypocrisy when they gave thanks for the recovery of the King from madness. He was fined £50, imprisoned in Newgate for a year and ordered to stand in the pillory at Charing Cross for one hour a day (this penalty was later remitted).*

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Be it remembered, that on Monday next, after one month of Easter, in the 29th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third, … in the Court of our said Lord the King … upon the oath of twelve jurors, good and lawful men of the … County of Middlesex, now here sworn and charged to enquire for our said Lord the King … The Jurors for our Lord the King, upon their oath present, that before the publishing of the false, wicked, malicious, scandalous, and seditious libel, next hereinafter mentioned, our most gracious Sovereign Lord, the present King, was afflicted with, and laboured under a certain grievous sickness and malady, from which said sickness and malady our said Lord the King, a little before, and at the time of the publishing of the said false, scandalous, malicious, and seditious libel, was happily in a state of recovery, to the great joy of all his said Majesty's good and loyal subjects. And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, further present, That his Royal Highness, Frederick Duke of York, one of the sons of our said Lord the King, his Royal Highness, William Henry, Duke of Gloucester, … before and during the said malady of our said Lord the King, were, and ever since that time have been, and still are, Dukes and Peers of this realm, …

And the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, further present That John Walter, late of Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, bookseller, well knowing the premises, but being a malicious and seditious man, and of a depraved mind, and of a wicked and diabolical disposition, and deceitfully, wickedly, seditiously, and maliciously devilling, and conniving and intending to create and promote discord and dissention betwixt our said Lord the King, and said Dukes respectively, and to slander, vilify, and defame the said Dukes respectively, and to represent the said Dukes as persons disaffected to our said Lord the King and as false and deceitful subjects of our said Lord the King, and not fit to be confided in, and trusted in, by our said Lord the King or his subjects, and to alienate and withdraw the affection of his said Majesty and his subjects from the said Dukes, and to bring the said Dukes in to utter contempt, scandal, and disgrace with his said Majesty, and with all his loyal and loving subjects, on the 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1789, … wickedly, maliciously, and seditiously did publish in a certain public printed newspaper intituled "The Times: Saturday February 21, 1789," a certain false, wicked, malicious, scandalous and seditious libel, in which said libel are contained divers false, wicked, malicious, scandalous, and seditious matters, and concerning the said Dukes, and their disposition towards his said Majesty as follows. . .

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How the right chemistry can land you a job

New courses give students an extra edge in the careers market, **John O'Leary** reports

Recent employment figures for postgraduates have buried the myth that employers place youth above excellence in their recruitment policies. In the old universities, at least, those with second degrees have been markedly more successful at finding jobs than initial graduates.

Even now, however, about 5 per cent of postgraduates are known to be without work six months after completing their courses. The true figure may well be higher since a quarter do not respond to surveys, and the statistics do not include the new universities.

With future employment prospects such an obvious concern for students — who may be accumulating substantial debts by staying on in higher education — academics are aware that close links with the world of work are likely to be a prime selling point for a course. New programmes are becoming increasingly vocational and associated with non-academic sponsors.

A prime example is Huddersfield University's MSc in analytical chemistry, which has just completed its third year and claims a 100 per cent employment rate for its graduates. Word has spread, and the course has three applicants for every place, with interest coming from all over Europe.

The programme was developed by Dr Roger Jewsbury, with employability at the forefront of planning the course structure and the staff's approach. The involvement of an outside company has given the students an extra edge in the search for jobs.

All of last year's 20 students are now working, half in permanent jobs and half continuously employed on temporary assignments since graduation. Some are with blue-chip multinationals such as Boots and Procter & Gamble, which have been returning to take more recruits each year. The demand for analytical chemists has grown with the spread of environmental legislation.

The process has been aided by the department's association with a specialist company that places scientists on temporary assignments in a wide range of industries. More than a third of those placed by the agency are offered permanent jobs at the end of their assignments, and many others have their attachments extended. Temporary employment, which can last for more than a year, not only provides experience, but gives graduates the opportunity to sample a number of industries before settling on a career.

Dr Jewsbury says early work experience and a CV showing continuous employment are crucial for graduates. Temporary assignments can provide laboratory experience leading to openings in other industries.

As well as having a period of work experience during the course, the Huddersfield students are coached in interview technique and the writing of a CV, with further involvement by the Lab Staff agency. As scientists themselves, the agency's staff are well placed to advise on career options and presentation.

Dr Bruce McGreevy, who oversees the operation, attributes the students' record of employment success to the blend of academic and industrial advice they receive.

Shane Avison and Tony Malone are two recent graduates who have benefited. As a temporary analyst with Procter & Gamble, Mr Malone was able to "test drive a company", gaining experience of working for a large international organisation, and avoiding an "unexplainable gap" in his employment record. Mr Avison is working as a shift analyst at Zeneca's Huddersfield works while applying to take a PhD to become more involved in method development. The company is sponsoring him.

The Huddersfield model is becoming increasingly common in the expanding postgraduate system, as universities forge closer links with industrial partners. At Essex University, for example, a new MSc in audio systems engineering has grown out of collaboration with companies such as Canon and Audio Physic. The course has been designed to meet industrial demand for advanced electronics, signal processing and loudspeaker design.

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A modern chemistry lab: Huddersfield University claims a 100 per cent employment rate for some MSc graduates

Subject group	In permanent UK employment	In further education or training	Others with known destination	Still seeking	Total with known destination
Education	90.9	3.5	4.2	1.5	1652
Business and financial studies	85.7	2.8	5.9	5.7	2791
Architecture and related studies	81.8	4.9	7.4	5.9	399
Librarianship and information science	77.5	5.7	8.2	8.6	244
Medicine and dentistry	75.0	13.3	9.6	2.1	768
Social sciences	73.3	14.3	7.9	4.5	2622
Engineering and technology	72.6	14.6	7.6	5.2	2268
Studies allied to medicine	72.5	16.3	6.9	4.4	872
Mathematical sciences	70.3	17.0	8.3	4.4	1395
Creative arts	68.5	17.3	9.2	5.0	288
Veterinary science, agriculture and related studies	62.2	18.9	14.6	4.3	370
Biological sciences	60.8	24.0	10.9	4.4	1508
Humanities	59.3	22.0	13.3	5.4	1029
Physical sciences	59.1	25.5	10.1	5.2	2862
Languages and related studies	56.5	22.0	16.2	5.3	971
Multi-disciplinary studies	68.0	17.1	8.8	6.1	475
All subjects	72.1	14.6	8.6	4.7	18677

Source: Universities' Statistical Record

Where to get more advice

THIS week's listing covers programmes lasting at least nine months full-time, or the equivalent part-time, which are validated by degree-awarding institutions. The Post Graduate Certificate in Education and qualifications awarded by professional bodies are not included.

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Social Anthropology of Children and Child Development: MSc 12FT 24PT; Dr Christina Toren 01895 274000 ext 3414

De Montfort U
Leisure and Sports History: MA FT PT, Diploma FT PT; Prof Pierre Lanfranchi 0116 2577399

Derby U
Culture, Place, and Identity: MA 12FT 24PT; Neil Campbell 01332 622222

Durham U
Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT, Diploma 12FT; Prof R Layton/ Mrs S May 0191 374 2843/ 2840

East Anglia U
Gender Analysis in Development: MA 12FT; Steph Simpson 01603 592331

Edinburgh U
Scottish Ethnology: MLitt 24FT; Dr M Mackay 0131 650 4167
Social Anthropology: MSc 12FT, Diploma 9FT; Dr C Jedres 0131 650 3933

Keele U
Medical Social Anthropology: MSc 12FT 24PT, Diploma 12PT; Dr U Sharma 01782 621111 ext 3357

Kent U
Contact Mary Hughes 01227 764000
Environmental Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT, PG Dip 9FT 21PT
Image Studies: MA 12FT 24PT October
Social Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT
Social Anthropology and Computing: MA 12FT 24PT

London: Goldsmiths College
Contact Postgraduate Office 0171 919 7500
Applied Anthropology and Community and Youth Work: MA 12FT 24PT
Area Studies: MA 12FT 24PT
Social Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT

London: London School of Economics
Social Anthropology: MSc 12FT 24PT; Graduate Admissions Office 0171 955 7159/ 7160

London: SOAS
Contact Mrs P M Radford 0171 637 2388
Medical Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT
Social Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT
Social Anthropology of Development: MA 12FT 24PT

Manchester U
Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT; Ms Karen Egan 0161 275 3998
History and Social Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Medicine: MA (Econ) 12FT 24PT; Ms Karen Egan 0161 275 3998
Social Anthropology: MA (Econ) 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT; Ms Karen Egan 0161 275 3998
Visual Anthropology: MA (Econ) 12FT 24PT 1966 entry; Dr Paul Henley 0161 275 3999

North London U
Representation and Modernity: MA 24PT (min), Diploma 15PT (min); Course Enquiries 0171 753 5066

Oxford Brookes U
Social Anthropology of Japan: MA 12FT; Prof J Hendry 01865483922

St Andrews U
Contact Dave Roberts 01334 76161
Social Anthropology: MPhil 24FT or 12FT + 24PT, MLitt 12FT, Diploma 9FT
Social Anthropology and Linguistics: MPhil 24FT or 12FT + 24PT, MLitt 12FT, Diploma 9FT

Sussex U
Contact Postgraduate Admissions 01273 678412
Advanced Social Anthropology: MA 12FT 24PT
Anthropology of Europe: MA 12FT 24PT
Third World Development and Social Transformation: MA 12FT 24PT

Sociology/ Social Science

Anglia P.U.
Contact Elaine Hawes 01245 493131
Action Research in Practice: MA 30PT, PGCert 18PT
Social Policy: MA 30PT
Women's Studies: MA 24PT, Diploma 12PT

Bath C.H.E.
Social Sciences: Media, Culture, and Conflict: MSc 22PT; Clare Brandram-Jones 01225 425264 ext 260

Bath U
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Health Care Evaluation: MSc 24PT; Dr D Baker 01225 826826 ext 5279
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Cultural Studies: MSocSc 12FT 24PT, Diploma 12FT 24PT; Dr John Gabriel 0121 414 6220
Social Policy: MSocSc 12FT 24PT; Dr Ann Witz 0121 414 5715
Social Work: MSocSc 24FT, Diploma 22FT; Ms A Davis 0121 414 6223

Bradford U
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Social Work and Social Care: MA 12FT 24PT; Ms V McGuinness 01274 383504
Women's Studies (Applied): MA 12FT 24PT, Diploma 12FT 24PT; Ms S Wood 01274 383505

Bristol U
Child Welfare: Dip 24PT, MSc 24PT; Mrs J Marriott 0117 9289000
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Sociology: MSc 12FT 24PT, Diploma 12FT 24PT; Mrs J Marriott 0117 9289000
Women's Studies: MSc 12FT 24PT; Ms L Fitzsimmons 0117 9289000

Canterbury Christ Church College (Kent U)
Applied Social Sciences: MA 24PT; L Symonds 01227 782492

Central England U in Birmingham
Equal Opportunities: MA 36PT (min), Diploma 24PT (min); Sue Cramp 0121 331 6269
Health and Social Care: MSc 24PT, Diploma 18PT, Certificate 12PT; Faculty Admissions Officer 0121 331 5500/5502
Research Methodology: MA 24PT, Diploma 12PT; Faculty Admissions Officer 0121 331 5500/5502

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Care Management: MA 24PT, PG Dip 12PT
Community and Health Ethics: MA 24PT
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Practice Teaching: CCETSW 12FT
Research Methods: MSc 12FT 24PT
Social Work Studies: PG Cert 24FT
Social Work Studies: MA 24PT, PG Dip 24PT
Women's Studies: MA 24PT

Coventry U
Social Science and Social Research: PG Dip 12FT, MA 12FT; Dr K Sharp 01203 838338

Derby U
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Counselling: MA 36PT
Counselling: Personal and Professional Development: MEd 36PT, PG Dip 24PT, PG Cert 12PT
Research Methods for Health and Social Services: MSc 24PT, Diploma 12PT

Dundee U
Child Protection Studies: Diploma 12PT January, MPhil 24PT January; Mr J Ennis 01382 344650
Community Care Studies: Diploma 12FT 24PT February; Secretary, Comm Care Studies 01382 344947
Social Work: MSW with DipSW 24FT, DSW with DipSW 24FT; Mrs Anne Creamer 01382 344740

Durham U
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Institutional Studies: MA Modular 24FT 48PT, Diploma Modular 24PT; David Turner 0181 590 7722 ext 2258
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Social Work Studies: MA 24PT; Training Officer 0181 435 7111
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Edinburgh U
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European, International Politics: MSc 12FT, Diploma 12FT 24PT; Mr C Raab 0131 650 4243
Gender in Society: MSc 12FT, Diploma 9FT; Dr P Jeffery 0131 650 3984
Policy Studies: MSc 12FT, Diploma 9FT; Mr N Fraser 0131 650 3916
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Social and Public Policy: MSc 24PT, Diploma 18PT; Mr N Fraser 0131 650 3916

Essex U
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Gender, Culture, and Society: MA 12FT 24PT
Social History: MA 12FT 24PT
Social and Economic Development: MA 12FT 24PT
Sociological Research: MA 12FT 24PT
Sociology: Diploma 9FT, MA 12FT 24PT
Sociology and Community Mental Health: MA 24PT
Sociology and Health Studies: MA 12FT 24PT
Sociology and Psychoanalytic Studies: MA 24PT
Sociology of Development: MA 12FT 24PT

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Women's Studies: MPhil 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT 21PT; Social Sciences Faculty Office 0141 339 8855

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Social Work: Diploma 24FT; Mike Stone 0141 337 4208

Greenwich U
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Gender and Ethnic Studies: MA 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT 18PT
Humanities and Social Sciences (Open): MA 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT 18PT
Sociology of Health and Welfare: MSc 12FT 24PT, Diploma 9FT 18PT

Hertfordshire U
Policy Studies: MA 24PT, PG Dip 24PT; Admissions Office 01707 284421
Social Work Studies: Policy, Research, and Evaluation: PG Dip 24PT, MA 24PT; Brian Littlechild / Mary Watkins 01707 284483

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Child Protection: MA PT; Ms W J Marshall 01484 422288 ext 2267
Social Research and Evaluation/Social Research: MSc 12FT 24PT, PG Dip 12FT 24PT, PG Cert 12FT 24PT; Mr G R Gibbs 01484 422288 ext 2265

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Keele U
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Social Work: MA 24FT, Diploma 21FT; Mr J Hopkins 01782 621111 ext 8037

Kent U
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Political Sociology: MA 12FT 24PT
Political and Social Theory: MA 12FT 24PT
Social Work: MA 24FT, Diploma 12FT
Social Work Studies: MA 12FT
Sociology and Social Research: MA 12FT 24PT
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House of Lords

Character directions for jury

Regina v Aziz
Regina v Tosun
Regina v Yorganci

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Steyn

[Speeches June 15]

A defendant with no previous convictions who had testified or made a pretrial statement containing admissions as well as self-exculpatory statements was prima facie entitled to a good character direction going both to credibility and propensity.

However, the judge, in giving such a direction, had a residual discretion to add words of qualification concerning other proved or possible criminal conduct of the defendant which had emerged during the trial; and in the limited case where the defendant's claim to good character other than his lack of previous convictions was so spurious that it made no sense to give the general character direction, the judge could dispense with it altogether.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing consolidated appeals by the Crown from the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Colman) which had on March 4, 1994 allowed appeals by the defendants, Kazim Aziz, Metin Yorganci and Ali Yener Tosun, against their convictions in Southwark Crown Court, (Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC and a jury) in March 1993 together with others, of various offences relating to fraudulent evasion of value-added tax by, inter alia, the supply of false invoices.

The Court of Appeal had certified the following point of general public importance: "Whether directions in accordance with *R v Vye* (*The Times* February 22, 1993; [1993] 1 WLR 471) must be given in all cases in which a defendant has adduced evidence of good character, and if not, in what circumstances must such directions be given?"

Mr Richard Sutton, QC and Miss Janine Sheff for the Crown; Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Keith A. Mitchell for the defendants.

LORD STEYN said that Aziz had admitted that he, his brother and his girlfriend had written out many invoices, but had said that he did not know that the invoices were false. He did not give evidence but relied on his exculpatory statements in the course of interviews conducted by officers of the Customs and Excise. In the same interviews he made significant admissions.

Aziz relied on his absence of relevant previous convictions. By cross-examination, counsel for Aziz had sought to show that a codefendant had misled Aziz about the nature of the invoices.

Yorganci gave oral evidence. He denied that he knowingly created or supplied false invoices. He relied on the fact that he had no previous convictions. He accepted that he had knowingly made a false mortgage application and that he had lied to Customs officers during interview.

Tosun also gave oral evidence. He denied that he had knowingly used false invoices. He testified that he had no previous convictions. He conceded, however, that he had not declared his full earnings for Inland Revenue purposes, and that he had allowed employees to declare substantially less income than they were in fact earning.

On the three defendants' appeals against conviction, Lord Justice Glidewell, having considered the judge's directions about good character, had said: "All three . . . until their conviction on these charges were of good character in the sense in which that phrase is commonly used in the criminal courts; that is to say they have never previously been convicted of any criminal offence, or at least of any criminal offence of any relevance or significance."

He had then referred to applicable principles in *Vye*:

"1 A direction as to the relevance of his good character to a defendant's credibility is to be given where he has testified or made pretrial answers or statements.

"2 A direction as to the relevance of his good character to the likelihood of his having committed the offence charged is to be given, whether or not he has testified, or made pretrial answers or statements."

Applying those principles, the credibility and propensity directions, Lord Justice Glidewell had held that prima facie the judge's directions had been inadequate because in the case of Aziz the judge had given only a propensity direction and in the cases of Yorganci and Tosun only credibility directions.

Lord Justice Glidewell had then addressed a particular argument that Aziz was not entitled to any good character direction because he did not testify and had mounted a cut-throat defence against a codefendant. He also addressed specific argument that Yorganci and Tosun were not entitled to any good character direction because of their admitted misconduct. He rejected those submissions and held that the principles in *Vye* applied.

He had said: "If there are reasons, as there may well have been in relation to each one of these appellants, why the jury might give less weight to good character than they would otherwise have done, that can be dealt with by a qualification carefully expressed by the judge when he comes to deal with the particular individual appellant and his evidence."

As to the appeal before the House, his Lordship dealt first with the reason why leave had been refused during the hearing for counsel for the Crown to question the correctness of the principle enunciated by the House in *R v Sharp* ([1988] 1 WLR 7) that both the inculpatory and exculpatory parts of a mixed statement were admissible as evidence of their truth.

His Lordship said that counsel had not suggested that the rule was not clear and workable. The sole ground urged had been that the law was unduly favourably stated to the defendants who did not testify.

However, the law as stated in *Sharp* was not unduly balanced in favour of the defendants who did not testify. On the contrary, a judge was entitled to comment adversely on the quality of the exculpatory parts of a mixed statement which had not been tested by cross-examination. The right balance had been found.

Turning to the certified question, it had been intended to raise the problem whether a defendant without any previous convictions might lose his good character by reason of other criminal behaviour. It was a question which had not been directly before the Court of Appeal in *Vye*.

It was a complex problem. It was also an area in which generalisations were hazardous.

A good starting point was that a judge should never be compelled to give meaningless or absurd directions. Cases occurred from time to time where a defendant, who had no previous convictions, was shown beyond doubt to have been guilty of serious criminal behaviour similar to the offence charged in the indictment.

A sensible criminal justice system should not compel a judge to go through the charade of giving *Vye* directions in a case where the defendant's claim to good character was spurious.

A trial judge had a residual discretion to decline to give any character directions in the case of a defendant without previous convictions if the judge considered it an insult to common sense to give directions in accordance with *Vye*.

That brought his Lordship to the nature of the discretion. Discretions ranged from the open-textured discretionary powers to narrowly circumscribed discretionary powers. The residual discretion of a trial judge to dispense with character directions in respect of a defendant of good character was of the more limited variety.

Prima facie the directions had to be given. The judge would often be able to place a fair and balanced picture before the jury by giving directions in accordance with *Vye* and then adding words of qualification concerning other proved or possible criminal conduct of the defendant which emerged during the trial.

On the other hand, if it would make no sense to give character directions in accordance with *Vye*, the judge might in his discretion dispense with them. Subject to those views, it was not desirable to generalise about this essentially practical subject which had to be left to the good sense of trial judges.

It was worth adding, however, that whenever a trial judge proposed to give a direction, which was not likely to be expected by counsel, the judge should follow the commendable practice of inviting submissions on his proposed directions.

In the present appeals, the Court of Appeal had been entitled to conclude that there was a material misdirection in the character directions.

Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed.

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House of Lords

When private seller is liable

Boyter v Thomson

Before Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nolan, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches June 15]

An action for breach of the implied terms in section 14(2) and (3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 could be brought under section 14(5) against the principal himself, not only against an agent for an undisclosed principal.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defender seller, Walter Thomson, from an Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Allanbridge, Lord Weir and Lord Prosser) (1994 SLT 1315), which had refused the defender's appeal from the sheriff principal at Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court.

The sheriff principal, recalling an interlocutor of the sheriff, who had assoilzied the defender, had decreed in favour of the pursuer buyer, George Boyter, for decree against the defender for £3,370 with interest and expenses in his action for damages under section 14.

Section 14 provides: "(2) Where the seller sells goods in the course of a business, there is an implied condition that the goods . . . are of merchantable quality . . .

"(3) Where the seller sells goods in the course of a business and the buyer . . . makes known . . . any particular purpose for which the goods are being bought, there is an implied condition that the goods . . . are reasonably fit for that purpose . . .

"(5) The preceding provisions . . . apply to a sale by a person who in the course of a business is acting as agent for another as they apply to a sale by a principal in the course of a business, except where that other is not selling in the course of a business and either the buyer knows that fact or reasonable steps are taken to bring it to the notice of the buyer before the contract is made."

Mr Andrew Hardie, QC, Dean of Faculty and Mr Robert Hunter, both of the Scots Bar, for the defender; Mr Philip Brodie, QC and Mr Stephen Woolman, both of the Scots Bar, for the pursuer.

LORD JAUNCEY said that the defender had been the owner of a cabin cruiser that he had instructed Harbour Marine and Leisure, Kirkcaldy, to sell on his behalf under a brokerage and agency agreement.

The pursuer had bought her. She had had defects rendering her unseaworthy and parties were agreed that she had been unfit for the purpose for which she had been bought.

The sheriff had found in fact that the pursuer had known that the boat was being sold under a brokerage scheme but had thought that it was owned by Harbour Marine.

He had not been told the name of the owner nor that the owner was not selling in the course of a business nor that Harbour Marine were acting as agents only. The pursuer had been under the impression that they were the owners of the boat.

The sheriff had found in law that Harbour Marine had sold the boat in the course of their business. The sheriff principal had affirmed those findings. The appeals had proceeded on the basis that Harbour Marine had been agents acting for an undisclosed principal.

The Extra Division had concluded that the defender was within the ambit of section 14(5) of the 1979 Act and rejected an argument that the subsection enabled action to be taken only against an agent acting for an undisclosed principal and not against the principal himself.

Subsection (5) had first been introduced into the Sale of Goods Act 1893 by the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973 (section 3) following recommendations of the Law Commissions of England and Scotland.

The commissions' report, *Exemption Clauses in Contracts First Report: Amendments to the Sale of Goods Act 1893* (1969, Law Com No 24, Scot Law Com No 12) had drawn attention to the fact that no sale of goods by private individuals was subject to any implied condition of fitness even where such individuals sold through auctioneers or agents, a situation that could cause hardship where buyers relied on the agent's reputation.

The Dean of Faculty had argued that if the subsection extended beyond the liability of agents acting for undisclosed principals there would be a measure of overlap in as much as an individual selling in the course of business through an agent would already be within the ambit of subsections (2) and (3). That was so, but there were more weighty considerations to be taken into account.

If the Dean's argument were correct, the second part of the subsection starting with "except" would be superfluous. Where an agent was acting for an undisclosed principal, that was to say a principal of whose very existence the buyer was unaware, the latter could not possibly know of the business of the unknown principal.

However, the second part of the subsection clearly presupposed that there would be a principal of whose existence the buyer would be aware prior to the contract of sale.

The Dean's restricted construction would involve not only giving no effect to those words but also creating statutory alterations to the normal common law rules that where an agent contracted on behalf of a disclosed principal the latter alone was liable on the contract and that an undisclosed principal might be sued on any contract made on his behalf.

Such restricted construction would also mean that the Law Commissions had substantially failed to achieve the result that they had intended.

That could not be correct. Subsection (5) was applicable to any sale by an agent on behalf of a principal, whether disclosed or undisclosed, where circumstances giving rise to the exception did not exist.

When the subsection applied, the normal common law rules of principal and agent also applied.

Lord Lloyd, Lord Nolan, Lord Nicholls and Lord Hoffmann agreed.

Solicitors: Rees & Freres for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, Edinburgh, for Jardine Donaldson, Alloa; Dyson Bell Martin for Drummond Miller, WS, Edinburgh, for Drummond Cook & Mackintosh, Cupar.

Domestic tribunal must act fairly

Wright v The Jockey Club

The powers of the Jockey Club derived from the contractual relationship between the club and those agreeing to be bound by its rules of racing. No duty of care could be implied into the exercise of the club's licensing functions under that contract. Its only duty was to act fairly.

Sir Haydn Tudor Evans, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on May 15 striking out as unarguable the claim of Barrie John Wright who sought damages against the Jockey Club for loss of earnings during the 1990-1991 racing season which he alleged he had sustained as a result of having his racing licence refused on medical grounds.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the authorities showed that the Jockey Club, like every other club which controlled sporting activities, however widespread its powers and its influence might be, was a domestic tribunal: see *R v Disciplinary Committee of the Jockey Club, Ex parte Aga Khan* ([1993] 1 WLR 909). Under *The Moorcock* ((1889) 14 PD 64), a term would be implied only to give efficacy to a contract but no authority had been cited which supported in any way the proposition that a contractual duty of care should be implied in the case of a domestic tribunal.

In his Lordship's view, the effect of all the decided cases was that the only term which the law implied in such a case was that the club, including its licensing committee, had to act fairly.

Milk quota partnership requirements

Regina v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte St Clere's Hall Farm and Others

Before Mr Justice Tucker

[Judgment May 3]

Where a milk producing farmer had applied for a milk quota under the relevant EC Regulations, and had thereafter entered into a partnership with other farmers, it was necessary that there should be a pooling of assets of the farmers, although there was no requirement for full-blooded merger of the assets, and for the assets of that farmer to contribute to the milk production of the partnership.

Mr Justice Tucker so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing applications by eight farmers for judicial review of the decision of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food to withdraw their milk quota allocation and their entitlement to compensation from the EC.

The case concerned the SLOM II scheme which derived its name from a Dutch acronym for the EC non-marketing of milk and dairy herd conversion schemes under which payments were made to milk producers who refrained from milk production for four or five years in order to deal with the overproduction of milk and dairy products during the 1970s in the EC.

Mr Mark Brealey for the farmers; Mr Peter Duffy for the ministry.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that the scheme gave rise to difficulties when farmers who had participated in it wished, at the end of the four or five year period of abstention to produce milk again. They were unable to obtain a quota.

As a result, EC Regulation 1639/91 (OJ 1991 L150/35) was introduced to grant such milk producers a quota, the SLOM II quota. In the UK, the ministry had to be satisfied that the applicants for the quota fulfilled conditions laid down in the regulations.

In 1991 the applicants applied for a SLOM II quota and in 1992 entered into partnerships with other farmers in order, in their submission, to enable them to recommence milk production against the quota so that it could be made definitive. They were all granted definitive quotas and offered large sums of money in compensation.

About a year later, the ministry announced their decision to withdraw the quotas and entitlement to compensation. The issue was whether the ministry acted lawfully in so doing.

The ministry argued in court that the partnerships into which the applicants entered had not complied with the regulations.

His Lordship found that in the case of each of the applicants there was no pooling of assets and that neither the land nor the quotas were pooled. His Lordship added that it was also necessary to examine the personal contribution which each applicant made to the partnership in order to see whether the partnership agreements accorded with the basic requirement for the quota recipient to produce the quota.

The test of sufficient involvement as laid down in *O'Brien v Ireland* Case C-86/90 ([1992] ECR I-6251), was not satisfied by the applicants.

Solicitors: Burges Salmon, Bristol; Solicitor, MAFF.

Cases should not be held in camera

Hallam-Eames and Others v Merrett Syndicates Ltd and Others

Lloyd's litigation cases should not generally be held in camera and any evidence that was commercially sensitive in a Lloyd's case could be dealt with by directions, given on an application made at least six weeks in advance of the hearing date, constraining reference to aspects of the material capable of damaging the commercial interests of the parties or others.

Mr Justice Cresswell so held on May 2 in the Queen's Bench Division in a judgment delivered in chambers and reported with his Lordship's consent, when refusing the application of various interveners for the substantive hearing of the case to be heard in camera.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the applicants made their application in relation to privileged and confidential material in the evidence to be heard in the main action.

It was of fundamental importance that, in accordance with established principle regarding hearings in camera, the present case and further cases in the Lloyd's litigation should be heard in open court.

Where appropriate, the court would, exercising to its inherent jurisdiction, give directions with a view to avoiding unnecessary reference in open court to matters which could prove commercially damaging, provided that the parties were not inhibited in deploying their cases.

Applications in long tail insurance cases to the trial judge in connection with sensitive evidence problems were to be made at least six weeks in advance.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Protecting investor confidence in financial markets

Alpine Investments BV v Minister van Financiën

Case C-384/93

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, D. A. O. Edward and J.-P. Puissochet

Advocate General F. G. Jacobs

(Opinion January 26)

[Judgment May 10]

National rules which prohibited providers of services from telephoning potential clients in other member states without their prior consent in writing in order to offer them financial services constituted a restriction on freedom to provide services, in the meaning of article 59 of the EEC Treaty.

However, article 59 did not preclude national rules which, in order to protect investor confidence in national financial markets, prohibited such cold calling in connection with investment in commodities futures.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held when answering questions referred to it for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the Treaty by the College van Beroep voor het Bedrijfsleven (Administrative Court for Trade and Industry), The Netherlands.

Alpine Investments BV, a company established in The Netherlands which specialised in commodities futures, also had clients in Belgium, France and the United Kingdom.

At the material time financial services were governed in The Netherlands by a law of 1985 which prohibited a person from acting as an intermediary in securities transactions without a licence, empowered the Minister for Finance to grant an exemption from that licence in special circumstances, and provided that the exemption could be subject to restrictions and conditions with a view to preventing undesirable developments in securities trading.

In October 1991 the Minister for Finance decided to impose a general prohibition on financial intermediaries who offered investments in off-market commodities futures from cold calling potential clients, following complaints by investors who had made unfortunate investments in that sector.

Since some of the complaints were from investors established in other member states, the prohibition extended to cold calls to other member states, with a view to preserving the reputation of The Netherlands financial sector.

In November 1991 the minister prohibited Alpine, which had been granted an exemption under the 1985 law, from contacting potential clients by telephone or in person unless those clients had first expressly authorised it in writing to contact them in such a manner.

In proceedings in which Alpine raised an administrative objection to the prohibition, the Administrative Court referred three questions on the interpretation of article 59.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The national court's first and second questions essentially asked whether the prohibition of cold calling fell within the scope of article 59.

There were two aspects to the first question: First, whether the fact that the services were just offers without, as yet, an identifiable recipient of the services, precluded the application of article 59.

Since the freedom to provide services would become illusory if national rules were at liberty to restrict offers of services, the prior existence of an identifiable recipient could not be a condition for application of the provisions on the freedom to provide services.

The second aspect was whether article 59 covered services offered by a provider who did not move from the member state in which he was established.

It followed from the express terms of article 59 that, where offers of services were made by a provider established in one member state to a potential recipient established in another member state, there was a provision of services within the meaning of the article.

Three points fell for examination in connection with the second question.

1 It was to be determined whether the prohibition against telephoning potential clients established in another member state without their prior consent could constitute a restriction on freedom to provide services.

The national court drew the court's attention to the fact that providers established in the member states where the potential recipients resided were not necessarily subject to the same prohibition, or in any event not on the same terms.

A prohibition such as that in issue did not constitute a restriction on freedom to provide services within article 59 solely by virtue of the fact that other member states applied less strict rules to providers of similar services established in their territory: see Case C-379/92 *Criminal proceedings against Peralta* ([1994] ECR I-3453, paragraph 48).

However, such a prohibition derived the operators concerned of a rapid and direct technique for marketing and for contacting potential clients in other member states, and could therefore constitute a restriction on the freedom to provide cross-border services.

2 As the court had frequently held, the right freely to provide services could be relied on by an undertaking as against the state in which it was established if the services were provided for persons established in another member state.

It followed that the prohibition of cold calling did not fall outside the scope of article 59 simply because it was imposed by the state in which the provider of services was established, rather than that where the potential recipient was established.

3 The argument of The Netherlands and United Kingdom governments that since the prohibition affected only the way in which the services were offered, it was analogous to the non-discriminatory measures governing selling arrangements which by the decision in Joined Cases C-267 and 268/91 *Criminal proceedings against Keck* ([1993] ECR I-6097, paragraph 16) did not fall within the scope of article 30 of the EC Treaty, could not be accepted.

Although the prohibition was general and non-discriminatory and neither its object nor its effect was to put the national market at an advantage over providers of services from other member states, it directly affected access to the market in services in another member state and was thus capable of hindering intra-Community trade in services.

The national court's third question asked whether imperative reasons of public interest justified the prohibition and whether it was to be considered objectively necessary and proportionate to the objective pursued.

Financial markets played an important role in the financing of economic operators and, given the speculative nature and the complexity of commodities futures contracts, the smooth operation of financial markets was largely contingent on the confidence they inspired in investors.

That confidence depended in particular on the existence of professional regulations serving to ensure the competence and trustworthiness of the financial intermediaries on whom investors were particularly reliant.

Although the protection of consumers in the other member states was not, as such, a matter for The Netherlands authorities, the nature and extent of that protection did have a direct effect on the good reputation of Netherlands financial services.

Maintaining the good reputation of the national fincancial sector could therefore constitute an imperative reason of public interest capable of justifying restrictions on the freedom to provide financial services.

As for the proportionality of the restriction at issue, it was settled law that requirements imposed on the providers of services had to be appropriate to ensure achievement of the intended aim and could not go beyond what was necessary to achieve that objective.

In the case of cold calling, the individual, generally caught unawares, was in a position neither to ascertain the risks inherent in the type of transactions offered to him nor to compare the quality and price of the caller's services with competitors' offers.

Since the commodities futures market was highly speculative and barely comprehensible for non-expert investors, it was necessary to protect them from the most aggressive selling techniques.

Accordingly, and for further reasons given by the court, rejecting arguments by Alpine to the contrary, the prohibition of cold calling did not appear disproportionate to the objective which it pursued.

On those grounds the Court of Justice ruled:

1 On a proper construction, article 59 covered services which the provider offered by telephone to potential recipients established in other member states and provided without moving from the member state in which he was established.

2 Rules of a member state which prohibited providers of services established in its territory from making unsolicited telephone calls to potential clients established in other member states in order to offer their services constituted a restriction on freedom to provide services within the meaning of article 59.

3 Article 59 did not preclude national rules which, in order to protect investor confidence in national financial markets, prohibited the practice of making unsolicited telephone calls to potential clients resident in other member states to offer them services linked to investment in commodities futures.

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Fast-track civil court proposed

■ A revolutionary fast-track court for civil disputes of up to £10,000 is one of the key proposals to be unveiled today as part of the the biggest shake-up of civil courts for more than a century.

The new court would have a fixed three-hour hearing and legal costs would be capped. At the same time, the idea of taking courts to people in rural areas through mobile court hearings and evening or weekend courts is to be examined .... Page 1

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■ John Major flew into an embarrassing dispute last night with his strongest European ally as Helmut Kohl protested publicly to him over the plans to dump the Brent Spar oil platform in the Atlantic .... Pages 1, 12, 17

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A Bosnian Government offensive launched north of Sarajevo and involving thousands of infantry, forced the Serbs to move their gun positions back three or four miles .... Pages 1, 10

Souness's £750,000

Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool manager, was awarded £750,000 damages over a newspaper article in which his ex-wife called him a tight-fisted "dirty rat" .... Pages 1, 3

'Cheats' investigated

Government advisers are investigating allegations of cheating in last month's first national tests for 11-year-olds .... Page 1

Major in more trouble

John Major was facing fresh leadership turmoil last night after flying to Nova Scotia for a two-day world summit of the G7 nations .... Pages 2, 9

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A young mother was dragged at knifepoint by two men from a telephone box in the rush hour and forced into a London park where she was raped, slashed and robbed .... Page 3

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A 5,000-mile nationwide network of cycle paths, a £67 million sports stadium in Glasgow and an opera house in Cardiff could all receive National Lottery funding as part of the Government's millennium plans .... Page 6

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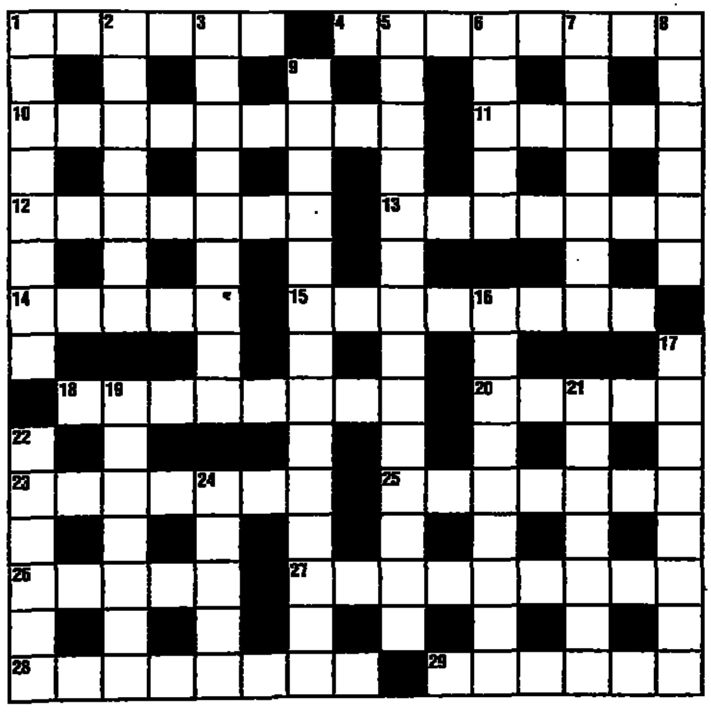

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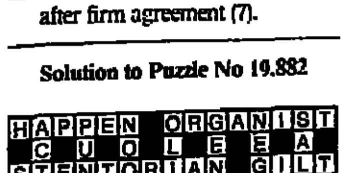

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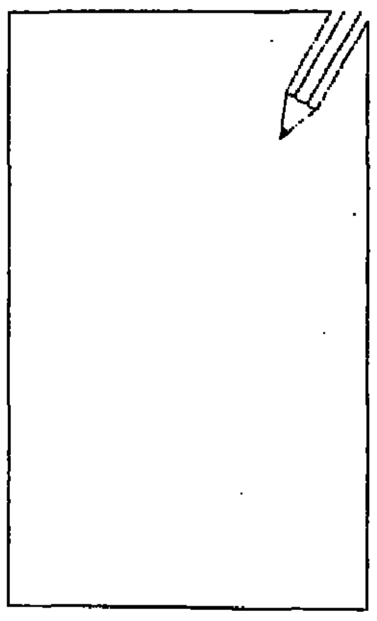
Wednesday: Highest day temp: Glasgow, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Lowestoft, Suffolk, Folkestone, Kent, 0.01in: highest sunshine: Saunton Sands, Devon, 14.5hr.



☐ **General:** most of England and Wales should be fairly warm — eastern England will become much warmer than on recent days — and it should be dry with sunny periods, although western parts will cloud over towards evening.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some sunshine but cloud will increase from the west during the afternoon. Rain will reach many western areas towards the end of the afternoon and through the evening. It will become breezy in the west.

☐ **London, Midlands, Central N England:** dry with sunny periods. Wind NW, becoming SW, moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SE, Cent S, E England, E Anglia, Channel Is:** dry with sunny periods. Wind NW, becoming mainly SW, light or moderate. Max 19C (66F), but cooler on coasts.

☐ **SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll:** sunny spells, becoming cloudy, rain in places later. Wind W, becoming SW, moderate, perhaps fresh later. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F), but cooler on many coasts.

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind NW, becoming SW, light or moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** mainly dry with sunny intervals. Wind NW, becoming S, light or moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Ireland:** sunny at first, becoming cloudy, rain in evening. Wind SW moderate, occasionally fresh later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook for the weekend:** rain spreading to all areas but brighter weather will gradually extend south.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland L; Northern England (east) L, (west) M; Northern Ireland L; East Midlands M; West Midlands H; East Anglia M; Wales H; South East M; South West H; London L. *H=high, L=low M=moderate.*

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.3	-	15	59	s
Anglesey	7.2	-	17	63	b
Aspatria	4.6	-	16	61	c
Aviemore	8.5	-	18	64	s
Belfast	8.3	-	19	66	s
Birmingham	2.1	-	16	61	c
Bognor R	7.5	-	18	64	b
Bournem'th	X				
Bristol	7.6	-	18	64	b
Buxton	1.5	-	14	57	c
Cardiff	7.6	-	17	63	b
Clacton	0.8	-	15	59	c
Cleethorpes	-	-	12	54	du
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	-	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	5.1	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	2.9	-	14	57	b
Eastbourne	4.6	-	15	59	c
Edinburgh	X				
Eskdalemuir	2.0	-	17	63	c
Exmouth	2.9	-	18	64	b
Falmouth	9.5	-	18	64	s
Fishguard	10.0	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	4.2	0.01	15	59	c
Glasgow	X				
Guernsey	12.0	-	17	63	s
Hastings	4.2	-	15	59	c
Hayling I	5.2	-	17	63	b
Hove	7.1	-	16	61	b
Hunstanton	-	-	12	54	c
Ilfracombe	11.1	-	16	61	s
Isle of Man	5.2	-	17	63	c
Jersey	3.7	-	18	64	s
Kinloss	8.9	-	17	63	s
Leeds	X				
Lerwick	11.5	-	14	57	s
Leuchars	9.2	-	20	68	s
Liverpool	4.7	-	16	61	c
London	1.5	-	15	59	b
Lowestoft	-	0.01	13	55	c
Manchester	0.7	-	16	61	c
Margate	0.3	-	14	57	du
Minehead	12.0	-	17	63	s
Morecambe	2.9	-	16	61	c
Newcastle	11.0	-	16	61	b
Newquay	13.9	-	15	59	s
Norwich	0.1	-	13	55	c
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	2.7	-	16	61	b
Penzance	12.2	-	19	66	s
Plymouth	X				
Poole	8.4	-	18	64	s
Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	c
Ross-o-wye	2.9	-	17	63	c
Ryde	7.1	-	16	64	b
Salcombe	4.2	-	18	64	c
Sandown	7.9	-	17	63	b
Saunton Snd	14.5	-	17	63	s
Scarboro'	0.2	-	11	52	c
Shanklin	X				
Shrewsbury	3.7	-	15	59	c
Skegness	-	-	12	54	c
Southend	6.8	-	15	59	b
Southport	3.9	-	14	57	b
Southsea	5.0	-	17	63	s
Stornoway	8.3	0.01	12	54	s
Swanage	6.4	-	18	64	s
Teignmouth	7.2	-	19	66	b
Tenby	11.4	-	18	64	s
Tiree	13.4	-	13	55	s
Torquay	8.9	-	20	68	b
Tynemouth	X				
Ventnor	6.9	-	17	63	b
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	4.9	-	17	63	b

These are Wednesday's figures

Ajaccio	21	70	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f
Algiers	26	79	f
Amst'dm	12	54	c
Athens	32	90	s
B Aires	10	50	f
Bahrain	36	97	s
Bangkok	33	91	f
Barbados	28	82	c
Barcelona	17	63	f
Beirut	28	82	s
Belgrade	24	75	f
Berlin	13	55	c
Bermuda	25	77	s
Biarritz	19	66	s
Borde'x	22	72	f
Brussels	12	54	c
Budapst	19	66	c
Cairo	40	104	s
Cape Tn	15	59	c
Ch'church	10	50	-
Chicago	31	88	s
Cologne	13	55	c
Corfu	28	82	s
C'phagn	15	59	c
Dublin	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s
Faro	24	75	s
Florence	23	73	f
Frankfurt	17	63	f
Funchal	22	72	c
Geneva	18	64	s
Gibraltar	24	75	s
Helsinki	29	84	s
Hong K	30	86	f
Innsbrck	18	64	s
Istanbul	30	86	s
Jeddah	35	95	s
Jo'burg	17	63	s
Karachi	-	-	-
L Angels	17	63	c
L Palmas	23	73	f
Le Touqt	13	55	f
Lisbon	22	72	s
Locarno	18	64	s
Luxembg	12	54	c
Luxor	45	113	s
Madrid	26	79	s
Majorca	23	73	c
Malaga	24	75	s
Malta	29	84	s
Melb'rne	9	48	f
Mexico C	20	68	c
Miami	29	84	s
Milan	20	68	f
Montreal	22	72	s
Moscow	29	84	f
Munich	15	59	f
N Delhi	43	109	s
N York	22	72	f
Nairobi	28	82	f
Naples	25	77	f
Nice	20	68	f
Oslo	17	63	f
Paris	16	61	c
Peking	27	81	s
Perth	16	61	s
Prague	15	59	f
Reykjavik	9	48	c
Rhodes	26	79	s
Rio de J	21	70	f
Riyadh	39	102	s
Rome	22	72	f
S Fr'isco	16	61	c
S Paulo	24	75	f
Salzburg	18	64	t
Santiago	15	59	s
Seoul	27	81	t
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	18	64	c
Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Sydney	15	59	f
Tangier	22	72	s
Tel Aviv	36	97	s
Tenerife	25	77	s
Tokyo	25	77	f
Toronto	23	73	s
Tunis	30	86	f
Valencia	22	72	c
Vanc'ver	15	59	f
Venice	22	72	s
Vienna	15	59	c
Warsaw	22	72	t
Wash'ton	28	82	s
Zurich	17	63	f

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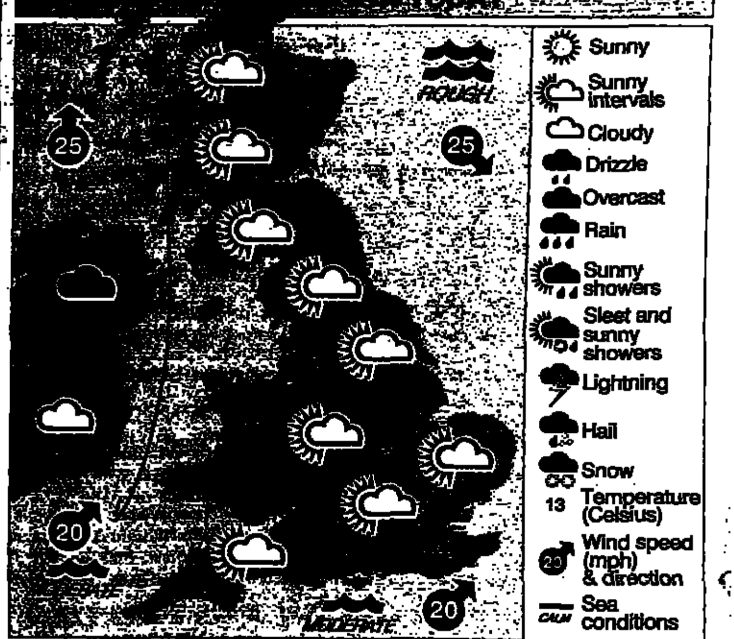

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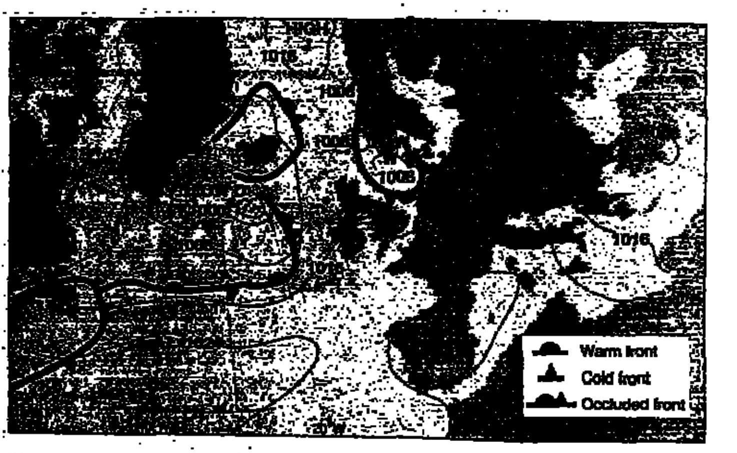

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.47	7.51	4.05	7.18	Leith	4.34	5.84	5.08	5.72
Aberdeen	3.16	4.35	3.54	4.24	Liverpool	0.59	9.92	1.28	9.57
Avonmouth	9.23	13.46	9.44	13.47	Lowestoft	11.25	2.62	—	—
Belfast	0.53	3.69	1.29	3.43	Margate	2.02	4.97	2.14	4.88
Cardiff	9.15	12.06	9.36	12.04	Milford Haven	8.20	7.00	8.43	7.14
Devonport	8.07	5.40	8.24	5.62	Newquay	7.06	6.86	7.27	6.95
Dover	0.49	6.75	1.13	6.79	Oban	7.40	3.71	8.08	3.95
Dublin	1.15	4.40	2.00	4.16	Penzance	6.45	5.25	7.08	5.46
Falmouth	7.17	5.03	7.42	5.24	Portland	8.59	2.07	9.21	2.17
Glasgow	2.42	4.82	3.01	4.69	Portsmouth	1.10	4.91	1.44	4.92
Harwich	1.43	4.21	2.01	4.04	Shoreham	1.04	6.43	1.36	6.46
Holyhead	0.01	5.93	0.36	5.56	Southampton	0.31	4.68	1.02	4.60
Hull	8.11	7.71	8.47	7.43	Swansea	8.26	9.69	8.47	9.71
Ilfracombe	8.06	9.41	8.30	9.50	Tees	5.37	5.60	6.18	5.42
King's Lynn	8.05	7.26	8.32	6.79	W'ton-on-Nze	1.41	4.48	1.59	4.28

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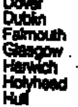

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon sets 8.56 am
Moon rises 11.33 pm

London 9.20 pm to 4.43 am
Bristol 9.29 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 10.01 pm to 4.26 am
Manchester 9.40 pm to 4.39 am
Penzance 9.34 pm to 5.12 am

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Ripple in the Pool may force Recs to qualify accounts

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ACCOUNTS of the Pool, Britain's £8 billion-a-year electricity trading and settlement system, have been qualified by its auditors because they cannot confirm who owes what to whom.

Britain's 12 regional electricity supply companies (Recs), and the generators, National Power and PowerGen, have been obliged to reach a series of emergency bilateral agreements based on their own estimates of electricity bought and sold.

The Recs will have to persuade their own auditors that the figures provide an accurate picture of electricity volumes bought and sold. Andrew Claxton, Pool chief executive, said: "I am not aware of any Pool member having to qualify their accounts. But it is certainly a possibility."

The problems stem from the opening-up of the electricity market in April last year, when 50,000 medium-sized businesses were given the right to shop around for power. Because too few companies had the special meters necessary, usage and bills were estimated. Trades of power worth almost £1 billion a year are believed to be affected. The Pool subsequently found that usage estimates did not tally with the amount of power used. Peter Quest, the company's auditor at Coopers & Lybrand, has therefore qualified his report.

The Pool's inability to track electricity trades in the market has sent shock-waves through the electricity industry. The Pool mechanism failed when the number of customers who buy power from a supplier other than their local Rec was increased from 5,000 to 20,000. In 1998, all 22 million customers in Britain are due to be free to chose their supplier.

Mr Claxton is expected to face tough questioning when he appears before MPs on the cross-party Trade and Industry Select Committee next Tuesday. The committee is examining the problems that have beset the electricity market since privatisation.

Last night, John Devaney, the chief executive of Eastern Electricity, the biggest trader in the Pool, said his company's accounts had been approved by auditors without qualification.

The Pool has set up a special working party, chaired by Mr Claxton, to learn the lessons of last year's debacle and to propose remedies. "If we had the kind of problems that we have had in 1994 in 1998, it would be very serious indeed," Mr Claxton said.

Kleinwort heads for £1bn takeover by Dresdner

By Patricia Tehan

A £1 BILLION takeover of Kleinwort Benson, the investment bank, by Germany's Dresdner Bank is likely to be agreed before the end of the month.

Kleinwort is expected to give up 200 years of independence and become the third City name to fall into the hands of a European bank this year.

Barings collapsed in February and was bought for £860 million by ING, the Dutch bank. SG Warburg has shareholder approval for an £860 million sale of its investment banking business to Swiss Bank Corporation, which is expected to be completed by the end of next month.

Dresdner's move follows a decision by its biggest rival, Deutsche Bank, to strengthen its investment banking business in London through Morgan Grenfell, which it bought in 1990.

Kleinwort yesterday issued a brief statement to the Stock Exchange, confirming weeks of speculation, saying that it was in talks with Dresdner about the possibility of a recommended cash offer.

Kleinwort said it was exploring what benefits may come from combining the businesses and that it was likely that any offer would be at about Kleinwort's 724p Wednesday closing price, valuing the company at £977 million. However, there was speculation yesterday that Dresdner could pay as much as 750p a share, valuing Kleinwort at £1 billion.

The strength of Kleinwort's bargaining position is shown by Dresdner's willingness to pay twice Kleinwort's net asset value. At the end of 1994, its net asset value per share was 360p, giving a net worth of £482 million. By contrast, SBC is paying only a small premium to Warburg's £797 million net assets.

In a memo to staff, Lord Rockley, Kleinwort's chairman, said that the initiative for the talks had come from Dresdner. He said: "We are satisfied with the way in which our business has progressed in the two years since I became chairman and believe that we have a sensible strategy as an independent bank. However, as a quoted company on the London Stock Exchange, there is a requirement on us to look at any serious approach and to take into account the interests of all shareholders."

Lord Rockley said that Simon Robertson, deputy chairman, and Rob Jeens, finance director, were leading the review of proposals.

Kleinwort is being advised by Schroders, because the Takeover Panel requires it to take outside advice. Schroders is fresh from advising Warburg on its deal with SBC. Robert Fleming — which advised ING on the Barings deal — is advising Dresdner. Kleinwort has been in serious talks for two months and negotiating the deal for about a month.

Shares in Kleinwort fell 5p to 719p yesterday, suggesting that a rival bid is not expected.

Kleinwort Benson, which traces its history to 1792, arose from the 1961 merger of Robert Benson Lonsdale with Kleinwort, Sons & Co.

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Simon Robertson, left, and Lord Rockley, of Kleinwort Benson, are weighing up Dresdner Bank's takeover proposals

Emergency law urged to rescue stricken ICS

By Robert Miller

EMERGENCY legislation may have to be rushed through Parliament to prevent the Investors Compensation Scheme from going bankrupt.

Senior Treasury officials have warned the Cabinet Office that time may have to be found before the summer recess next month if investors are to continue to receive compensation payments.

The scheme employs 60 full-time staff and a further 30 on short-term contracts and their jobs would be in jeopardy.

The ICS, which is the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, is expected to run out of money within a matter of weeks. The scheme had expected to receive £15.8 million from members of the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator responsible for firms that sell direct to the public.

The PIA's annual report, out today, will reveal, however, that the regulator has been forced to postpone the ICS levy.

Its legal authority to do so has been called into question by Sun Life, the insurer, which has applied to the High Court for a judicial review of the power of City regulators to levy contributions to support the compensation scheme.

The ICS also faces another legal challenge, this time over compensation payments to investors who were missold unsuitable home income plans.

The scheme has already paid out £30 million to victims of home income plans and the House of Lords is due to deliver a judgment this month on how much these investors are entitled to receive.

If the judgment goes against the compensation scheme, it faces a further bill, which could top £40 million.

The Treasury has made clear to the Securities and Investments Board, the principal City watchdog, that it expects it to resolve the compensation issue. Privately, Treasury officials say that if the SIB fails to do so and emergency legislation has to be enacted the SIB's long-term future could be in doubt.

The SIB said: "The SIB and the ICS regret the affects of Sun Life's application for judicial review on the timing of payments into the ICS. We are doing everything possible to resolve the situation." Alistair Darling, Labour's spokesman on City affairs, last night tabled a series of parliamentary questions to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, over the short fall in ICS funding and its future solvency.

The Treasury declined to comment.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3370.4	(+30.6)
Yield	4.12%	
FT-SE A All share	1650.69	(+11.52)
Nikkei	14867.26	(+206.77)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4495.23	(+4.15)*
S&P Composite	537.18	(+0.71)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6 1/16%*	(6%)
Long Bond	113 19/32*	(113 22/32)
Yield	6.58%*	(6.57%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 11/16%	(6 17/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106¼	(106 1/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5958*	(1.6126)
London:		
$	1.5951	(1.6087)
DM	2.2529	(2.2508)
FFr	7.9020	(7.8930)
SFr	1.8667	(1.8550)
Yen	135.27	(135.66)
£ Index	84.5	(84.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4123*	(1.4010)
FFr	4.9505*	(4.9160)
SFr	1.1705*	(1.1545)
Yen	84.80*	(84.38)
$ Index	88.7	(88.3)

Tokyo close Yen 84.56

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$17.40	($17.40)

GOLD

London close	$389.15	($388.05)

* denotes midday trading price

More stations

Burmah Castrol has sold its petrol stations to Frost Group, the independent fuel retailer, for £83 million. Frost, which owns the 242 Save petrol stations, is raising £47 million to fund the deal.
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More service

J Sainsbury, Britain's most profitable grocery retailer, is creating 2,000 full-time jobs and spending an extra £20 million a year in an effort to woo customers away from the rival Tesco supermarket group. The battleground has switched from price to service.
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SNC confident despite 67% collapse in profits

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

SMITH NEW COURT, the City market-maker, suffered a 67 per cent collapse in profits to £31.2 million in the year to April 28, but, as a sign of its confidence that this year would be better, increased its dividend by 1p to 11p.

Bonuses would be lower, said Michael Marks, the chairman. He would not reveal how much the bonus pot had fallen by, but said: "The people who did a first-class job in the last year will be rewarded. If we do not make money we do not pay bonuses."

The profits were hit by what Mr Marks described as a year of difficult trading conditions. He said the decision of the US Federal Reserve to increase dollar interest rates in February last year impacted "negatively on bond and equity markets. Investor confidence, worldwide, was undermined and the securities industry suffered from volatile markets and falling volumes."

However, he said, trading in the current financial year had been "encouraging".

Its shares closed 21p higher last night at 438p on renewed takeover speculation and the positive noises made by Mr Marks about prospects for the current year.

The dividend is 2.3 times covered by earnings. The final dividend of 9p is due to be paid on August 8. Mr Marks said volumes were 5 to 7 per cent lower in the UK, 20 per cent down in European markets and "falling off a cliff" in South-East Asia. He said: "We are in a volume-sensitive business which has its cycles." The firm tries to protect itself from falls in any particular market by investing profits from mature markets in opportunities in growing markets.

While SNC is not planning to raise capital, Mr Marks said the firm is constantly asked if it has sufficient capital. "Our view is that we have."

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IPM dials freephone for Mercury's boxes

By Eric Reguly

AN ITALIAN company has struck a deal to save Mercury's 1,500 telephone boxes, which were destined for the scrapheap.

IPM, one of the largest manufacturers of payphone equipment, is paying nothing for the boxes. Mercury was happy to give them away because it faced a bill of more than £1 million to dismantle them and repair pavements.

All it has to do now is unscrew the phones and discard them. The new IPM phones will be connected to Mercury's network.

IPM Communications, the UK subsidiary of Italy's privately held IPM Group, will install new coin-operated phones in the boxes by the end of the year. Mercury's name will be replaced by "Interphone." An IPM spokesman said the company plans to invest £20 million over the next five years in upgrading and expanding the old Mercury public phone network. In time, the boxes will feature phones with the ability to send faxes and data from portable computers.

Mercury decided last November to scrap its phone boxes because they were losing several million pounds a year. They were not popular because they accepted Mercury phonecards only.

IPM said its phones will accept coins as small as 5p. A credit card option will be introduced within a year, although there are no plans for a dedicated IPM card.

Death sentence reprieved

Rate of inflation edges up to 3.4%

By Colin Narbrough

RETAIL prices rose more than expected last month, prompting City economists to question the chances of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, achieving the central target of core inflation of 2.5 per cent or less.

But data showing the 0.4 per cent May rise in retail price index (RPI), pushing the annual increase up to 3.4 per cent from 3.3 per cent in April, was accompanied by retail sales figures that showed consumers remain cautious, with the flat housing market depressing sales for a range of goods.

Retail sales rose by 0.2 per cent in volume terms last month, after a revised fall of 0.1 per cent in April, nudging the annual growth rate to 1.1 per cent, from 1.0 per cent.

The increase in sales was, however, concentrated in food and mixed business, with other retailers reporting an 0.3 per cent drop in sales in May. The trend of the last three months is for an annual rise of 1.2 per cent, which economists see giving Mr Clarke no cause to tighten the monetary reins.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, is believed to have called at both of his latest monetary meetings with the Chancellor for an increase in base rate from its present 6.75 per cent.

The targeted inflation measure of RPI, excluding mortgage interest payments, showed an annual rise of 2.7 per cent in May, up from 2.6 per cent. The core rate had the annual rate accelerating from 2.1 per cent to 2.2 per cent, the highest since February last year.

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Which environmental company has just announced a 7.2% increase in efficiency in its core business over the last year?

For the full picture, read on

UK car production registers 17-year high

By George Sivell

AN INCREASE in demand for exports helped British car production to the best May level for 17 years, the Central Statistical Office said yesterday. Production for the domestic market edged ahead to 77,640 passenger cars, from 74,973 in May 1994 and 59,342 in April this year. *But production of passenger cars for* export leapt from 53,564 in May 1994 to 63,102 last month. In April, 63,134 cars were made for export.

Ernie Thompson, *chief executive of the* Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "As far as cars are concerned, this is the highest May total for 17 years. The strong performance of overseas production reflects the inroads car manufacturers in Britain are making into world markets." The domestic car market still appears depressed, however, with showrooms bedecked with offers of free insurance and free servicing in an effort to sell cars. Commercial vehicles output during May *rose 22.5 per cent to 21,505 from the May 1994* figure of 17,551. Export production was again strong, with a rise of 22.5 per cent to 8,945 from the May 1994 figure of 7,299.

Yesterday's *figures* will *reinforce motor* industry hopes that 1995 will turn into a record year. The long-term aim is to produce 2 million cars annually. This was the target for 1994, which made a strong start. But production slipped later, leaving a total of 1.49 million for the whole of 1994.

Hopes remain of topping 2 million by the end of the decade. The export surge, however, simply mirrors the continuing growth in production for foreign markets from the British *plants of multinationals such as Ford and* General Motors of America and the rising production by Japanese "transplants", such as those of Nissan in Sunderland, Toyota in Derby and Honda. Vauxhall, the British subsidiary of General Motors, recently announced it was investing £136 million to raise output of the Cavalier/Vectra saloons at its Luton plant by 25 per cent to 215,000 a year. Export production has also climbed steadily at Rover, now owned by BMW of Germany, on *the back of new models and healthy demand for* the Land Rover range.

Total car production for the first five months of 1995 now stands at 684,764, 12.85 per cent up *on the first five months of 1994. Exports,* however, are a massive 43.62 per cent up at 351,130, from the 244,486 in January-May 1994, reflecting a continuing fall in the number of new cars being registered by British private motorists. Registrations during April by private motorists, for example, fell 7.5 per cent.

Sainsbury pours £20m into courtesy crusade

By Sarah Bagnall

J SAINSBURY, Britain's most profitable grocery retailer, is creating 2,000 full-time equivalent jobs and spending an extra £20 million a year as part of a new customer service initiative aimed at lifting sales.

The retailer is also increasing its annual £16 million advertising spend.

Sainsbury's move is seen as a fight back against Tesco, the rival supermarket group, which has been gaining market share at the expense of Sainsbury. Over the past two years, the battleground has switched from price to service, and retailers have been wooing *customers with a variety of* promises, including shorter queues, baby-changing facilities and special parking for mothers with children.

David Sainsbury, chairman, said that the retailer was spending £10 million a year on improving checkout operations, including increasing staff numbers, and a further £10 million on other service initiatives. Of this, £5 million is for more grocery packers. The new jobs, spread across the company's 355 supermarkets, consist of existing part-time staff working longer hours and more part-time jobs.

Mr Sainsbury said that a "problem detection study" was commissioned 18 months ago to identify customers' con*cerns. These included wonky* trolley wheels, long checkout queues, aisles blocked by queues, too thin carrier bags and produce bags that are difficult to open. Mr Sainsbury said: "We found that it takes longer at the checkout than it does to do the shopping."

In preparation for the new customer intitiative, Sainsbury has spent the past 18 months training its staff, adding £9 million to its annual training budget of £30 million. Part of the programme involved blindfolding staff so that they could recognise problems faced by visually impaired customers.

Many of the new services are already in place, but the full package comes into force on Monday. These include: *extra grocery packers at peak* times; free Sainsbury nappies in 123 baby changing rooms; baby and milk-warming facilities in in-store coffee shops; ten different types of trolleys; and a "go-for" policy for customers who have forgotten an item.

An advertising campaign is being launched on Sunday, and the first television commercial will feature Ulrika Jonsson, hostess of the *Gladiators* television show. A later *advertisement stars* Bruce Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper. Mr Sainsbury defended the decision to use Mr Grobbelaar, who has been at the centre of match-fixing allegations. Mr Sainsbury said: "I think in this country we have a good tradition of *people being innocent before* being proven guilty in a court of law. No charges have been made against him."

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David Sainsbury has been out to see how his stores present their merchandise

US industrial output falls

By Colin Narbrough

AMERICAN industrial output fell 0.2 per cent last month, the third consecutive monthly *decline, providing fresh evi*dence of a slowdown in the economy that increases the chances of an interest rate cut this year. Another sharp drop in production in the car industry, which fell 3.9 per cent in May after seasonal adjustment, was the main cause of *the overall decline. Excluding* cars, industrial production would have been unchanged.

Wall Street economists noted that the May fall, although slightly less than the market had expected, represented the first three-month run of output declines since March 1991.

The Federal Reserve said the 0.2 per cent fall in industrial production after a 0.5 per cent drop in April, brought the year-on-year rise down to 3 per cent from 3.9 per cent.

Capacity usage figures showed that industries were operating at 79.4 per cent in May, the lowest level for more than a year, down from 84.7 *per cent in April and* well below the peak of over 90 per cent. The slowdown has brought involuntary stockbuilding since the beginning of this year.

Wall Street shares moved ahead in response to the economic data, with the Dow climbing above 4,500 briefly, as bonds rose. Economists said the figures did not point to recession, but underlined the weakening of the economy in the second quarter, after 2.7 per cent annual growth in the first quarter.

Hartstone returns to the black

By Christine Buckley

HARTSTONE, the troubled hosiery to leather goods group, returned to some health yesterday reporting pre-tax profits of £4.7 million against a loss last year of £70.7 million — a figure which included £51 million of goodwill write-offs.

The results, the first profits for the group since the 1991-92 figures, also brought the first dividend for three years with a *final payment of 0.32p, payable* on August 21.

Proceeds from a £30 million rights issue last year, disposals and tougher cash controls more than halved net debt from £62.6 million to £30.6 million and brought gearing down from 310 per cent to 58 per cent.

Shaun Dowling, the chairman, said that the year to March 31 was one of transition and recovery.

Group turnover fell considerably from £363.9 million to £218 million as a result of businesses sold or closed. Operating margins averaged 5 per cent.

The poor performance of leather goods, into which the company expanded rapidly in the 1980s, continued. The principal operation, Etienne Aigner, of the US, suffered a fall in operating profit of a third to £6.3 million, while the operating losses in the UK were stemmed from £3.1 million to £2.3 million.

Mr Dowling said the radical rationalisation in the domestic leather goods business was on course. Over the past year, staff numbers have been cut from 245 to 69 and a few *more jobs would go, he said.*

Overall, the leather goods division made an operating profit of £8.2 million, against £9.2 million last year.

Hosiery fared better, with operating profits climbing 51 per cent from £2.5 million to £3.8 million on an increased turnover of 13 per cent.

Mr Dowling said that although trading conditions remained tough he was confident of further progress in the company which will soon renegotiate its banking arrangements.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sale of Dewhurst expected soon

THE sale of the assets of the Dewhurst chain of butchers, which fell into the hands of receivers in March, is imminent, creditors were told yesterday. A lead contender for a substantial number of the shops is a consortium including some of the former management team. However, Ernst & Young, the receiver, told creditors that it was likely that not enough money would be raised from the sale to pay back unsecured creditors.

The chain was placed into receivership by Union International, its parent company and one of the main Vestey family companies. It had debts of about £35 million. At the time, there were 360 shops trading *and a further 106 shops* that had been closed. Since then, Ernst & Young have sold Stanton and Son, a printing operation in Northampton, and 84 unprofitable shops. Jason Elles at Ernst & Young told *creditors that they had received* more than 300 inquiries from interested parties.

MetroCentre sale move

CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES has secured exclusive negotiating rights to purchase the MetroCentre from its owners, the Church Commissioners. The property group's *bid, which is thought* to be less than £360 million has beaten off competition from the Prudential, Hammerson and Chelsfield, the property company run by Elliot Bernerd. The sale of the huge MetroCentre, located at Gateshead, Newcastle, was announced earlier this year as the Church Commissioners *sought to reduce their high exposure to the* property market, which caused the Church losses of hundreds of millions of pounds.

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Euro Disney cuts loss

THE chairman of Euro Disney said he remained cautious on the outlook for the year in spite of a big cut in losses in the first half, saying there was still no clear upturn in consumer spending. Philippe Bourguignon, in the company's interim report, said: "As is the case for many sectors of the economy, we cannot yet see the effects of a real upturn in consumption. It is too soon to draw any preliminary conclusions for the full year." *He said Euro Disney was better at coping with* seasonal fluctuations. In April, the group said its net loss for the six months to March 31 was cut to Fr241 million from Fr1.055 billion in the previous year.

Tadpole forced to EGM

SHARES in Tadpole Technology again fell heavily yesterday, *ending 13p lower at 42p,* after the troubled computer product manufacturer was forced to call an emergency shareholder meeting because of its poor financial position. Tadpole said that losses in April and May had totalled £1.3 million and that June trading losses were likely to be £200,000 to £500,000. As a result, Tadpole's net assets *will fall to less than half the* value of its share capital, and a special general meeting must, by law, be called in the next 56 days to consider what steps, if any, should be taken. Tadpole said it was seeking partnership alternatives aimed at maximising shareholder value.

Pay cut for Grant

SIR ALISTAIR GRANT, chairman at Argyll, the UK's third largest food retailer, saw his pay fall 36 per cent from £986,000 to £627,000 last year, after a sharp fall in his bonus. The drop in Sir Alistair's bonus reflects the company's failure to reach performance targets set out under the group's 1992 long-term incentive scheme and his decision to waive rights under the company's 1990 bonus scheme. Last month, Argyll announced a big restructuring including 4,800 job losses at its Safeway stores, costing £195 million. The exceptional *restructuring charge knocked pre-tax profits from* £361.8 million to £175.6 million in the year to April 1.

Wagon advances

WAGON Industrial Holdings, which has interests in storage products, retail systems and engineering and automotive components, achieved a 34 per cent rise in profits to £20.9 *million in the year to March 31 from £15.6 million previously.* The profits increase was achieved in spite of Wagon charging £1.9 million against losses on the sale of non-core businesses. Basic earnings increased to 29.17p a share from 19.58p. The final dividend is increased to 12.1p a share, due October 2, lifting the total to 18.75p from 17.825p. The company said that the current year had started well and that the board expected further progress.

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Net rental income record £32.6 million (1994 - £30 million)

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Shareholders' funds £336 million (1994 - £319 million)

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Dial 02 for London, says Oftel

By Eric Reguly

OFTEL, the telecommunications regulator, promised yesterday that there would never be another "Phoneday". But it suggested ways of dealing with the impending shortage *of telephone numbers that* might create mini-Phonedays in some areas.

Oftel said that London, Belfast, Cardiff, Portsmouth, Reading and Southampton could run out of telephone numbers within five years unless the stock of numbers is expanded either by adding a new area code or expanding the local numbers themselves by one digit. Reading, because of all the new businesses it has attracted, is likely to be the first to experience shortages.

The regulator said 300,000 numbers could be created in Reading by adding the last *digit of the current area code* (01734) to the beginning of the local number, thus creating a seven-digit local number. For example, 01734 123-456 would become 0173 412-3456.

One option to expand number capacity in London would be the addition of a new area code. Oftel proposed "overlaying" an 02 code over the region now covered by the 0171 and 0181 codes. The 02 code would exist alongside the other two codes and would be used primarily by businesses. Customers would not have to give up existing codes.

Oftel said that the "worst-case" scenario for London is *creating a single new code for* all phone users and expanding the seven-digit local number to eight digits.

None of Oftel's proposals is imminent. It will hold consultative meetings this summer and make decisions on number changes afterwards. Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, forecast the London 02 area code to be introduced this year.

Cruickshank: forecast

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Australia $	2.33	2.16
Austria Sch	16.87	15.37
Belgium Fr	49.36	45.06
Canada $	2.323	2.163
Cyprus Cyp£	0.763	0.698
Denmark Kr	9.41	8.61
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.83
France Fr	8.33	7.68
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	13.08	12.08
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2888	4.5368
Italy Lira	2735.00	2580.00
Japan Yen	150.00	134.00
Malta	0.605	0.550
Netherlds Gld	2.579	2.449
Norway Kr	10.62	9.82
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.47
Spain Pta	202.00	189.00
Sweden Kr	12.25	11.45
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.82
Turkey Lira	refer	66957.0
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Adrift in the power pool

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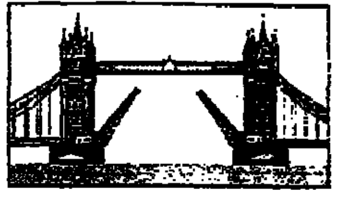

☐ GOVERNMENT plans to open up the household electricity market to competition in 1998 are already beginning to look wholly unrealistic. For years, Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, has boasted his belief in "intelligent" electronic meters that would enable 22 million customers to switch from one supplier to another to take advantage of the cheapest deal on offer.

This sounds like wonderful therapy for households already becoming bored with devising new strategies for the National Lottery. But when 50,000 middling-sized companies were given the right to do just that last April, the entire electricity market settlement system collapsed. Coopers & Lybrand, which audits the record of the £8 billion of electricity traded through the Pool, has qualified its 1994-95 accounts. Coopers cannot be certain that the accounts present an accurate picture of who delivered how much power to whom. Or who is owed how much for it. As a result, the 12 regional electricity companies have had to rely upon a series of emergency bi-lateral deals to settle their debts.

This may rouse a bitter laugh among the Recs' long-suffering customers. But it offers scant consolation for those of them who had to wait months for their bills, only to receive wildly inaccurate estimates.

How did this farce begin? The Pool calculates trades on the basis of half-hourly readings. Few of the newly freed buyers had the necessary meters, so the Pool used a system of estimates, known as "demand profiling." These profiles did not turn out to reflect actual usage.

Meters that take half-hourly readings are costly to buy and install. So the Pool is now proposing to adopt a similar demand profiling system for domestic customers. Heaven help us. As last year's experience shows, demand profiling is not the right paddle to steer a boat around this fast-approaching Niagara.

Professor Littlechild has set up a 1998 advisory group to find another steering system, while the Pool's chief executive, aided by two Rec directors, looks for some method to tow him clear.

The Pool fiasco is hardly likely to boost Professor Littlechild's chances of survival. The Government stands accused of selling shares in National Power and PowerGen on a false prospectus because he re-opened his review of distribution price controls the day after trading started. Under his stewardship power profits have become a national scandal.

The extension of competition last year turned into chaos because it was not clear precisely who was responsible for making it work. Offer has now taken charge of the programme to prepare for household competition in 1998.

Introducing open competition, though theoretically ideal, presents an extraordinarily difficult challenge. Preparations will require project management of the highest order. Is the Professor the man for the job?

Scotch mist from the MMC

☐ CITY analysts, like politicians, must always seem omniscient and omnipotent, and unlike mere mortals can never simply admit defeat. A thick smokescreen was therefore being put up yesterday to mask the City's difficulties in assessing the implications of the MMC report on Scottish Hydro-Electric for the rest of the industry. As ever, uncertainty marked the shares down. But it is clear that the report, while not being disastrous for the regional distributors in England and Wales, would seem to strengthen Professor Littlechild's hand as he nears completion of his re-review.

For Hydro-Electric, the slight tightening of the distribution pricing cap, from the RPI minus one imposed by Professor Littlechild to RPI minus two, caused no grief. The company wanted to be able to cross-subsidise, to transfer from its generating pocket the benefits of relatively cheap hydro-electric power into its distribution pocket, to allow that money to be spent on upgrading its wires. The Professor, presumably on ideological grounds, had refused this; the MMC has allowed a figure of £29.2 million for each of the next five years and set an upper limit of cross-subsidy at £40 million a year thereafter.

The MMC has also changed, to Hydro-Electric's advantage, the plan to move Scottish generation charges to monopoly customers gradually into line with their English equivalents. That is an advantage the bigger ScottishPower will want to share. The whole package will inflate Hydro-Electric's profits by about £5 million a year.

The main implication for regional companies in England and Wales is the tightening of the RPI-X price figure. Firstly, the MMC has taken a tough line on allowed costs, saying redundancies and the like should not be included. That is bad news for several of the bigger companies that have made huge job cuts.

Second, the first MMC report in the industry has, cross-subsidies aside, backed the Professor and even tightened the screw a notch. That must in itself give him great comfort. The MMC is the court of last resort for any aggrieved distributors, but it clearly cannot be relied on to back them.

Domino theory hits the City

☐ WHEN Warburg offered itself to Morgan Stanley, the world was aghast. Why did Britain's top investment bank need to cede independence, just to fix its short-term problem of *hasty expansion of overheads?* Come the collapse of Barings, the whole merchant bank sector was instantly written off. In a global market, risks were too big for their capital. Even their credit standing could not be presumed by local authority depositors.

Reflection modified that. Only investment banks, which combine traditional merchant banking with securities and derivatives trading, needed to rub shoulders with the world's big four, or become part of a world-scale bank. That put Kleinwort Benson so glaringly in the spotlight that its shares have risen by nearly 30 per cent since the City abandoned Barings. Dresdner hopes that has pre-empted a bid premium, though there is little reason for KB to agree.

Foreign ownership of Morgan Grenfell, Warburg, Barings and Kleinwort is not the end of the story. Deutsche Bank/Morgan Grenfell is developing an investment bank, because it reckons that to arrange finance for big international corporates you now need bond trading and, increasingly, equity trading. If they are right, then being a safe fee-based merchant bank, like Schroders, or a contentedly volatile securities house like Smith New Court would not be enough.

Sheep alone will rush to that conclusion. SNC is an attractive add-on but those betting on it *wedding Schroders* should remember that recreating a new Warburg would solve nothing.

No-money illusion

☐ ACCORDING to the Department of Employment, earnings have risen on average by 3.5 per cent over the past year. According to the Central Statistical Office's latest taxes and prices index, the average employee would need to earn 3.8 per cent more before tax than a year ago merely to maintain living standards. Perhaps that is why the soaring economy is passing over the average voter's head.

Southern Water disappoints on benefits

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of Southern Water fell yesterday after the company, unlike several of its rivals, opted against paying any special benefits such as extra dividends or customer rebates.

The shares closed at 627p, down 13p. Analysts said they had been on the rise in recent days as investors gained hope that a second interim dividend was in store. One analyst said: "These expectations were building up because other companies have paid out and because Southern is reasonably strong financially."

Southern, however, did leave shareholders out in the cold. The company said it would seek permission at its *annual meeting on August 17* to buy back 10 per cent of its 168 million shares. The City expects the buyback to occur in the autumn.

Martyn Webster, managing director, said the board decided against special dividends and customer rebates because the efficiency gains made over the past five years were reflected in its new K-factor, the level above inflation by which it can raise its prices.

The K-factor for the next five years is 4 per cent above the retail prices index, compared with an average of 4.3 per cent over the past five years. Mr Webster said: "Our new K would have been higher if we had not achieved those efficiencies in the past five years."

Southern also needs to muster its resources to fund an unusually large capital expenditure programme of £1.2 billion, a figure which exceeds its entire market capitalisation, over the next five years. Much of the money will be spent on meeting European Union waste-water directives.

Although the lack of special payout disppointed investors, the dividend growth was slightly higher than expected. Southern will pay a final dividend of 17.45p on October 2, making a final dividend of 25.9p, up 12.1 per cent. The City had forecast about 10 per cent.

Headline profits for the year to March 31 were roughly in line with expectations. Pre-tax profits were £143.4 million, up 12.5 per cent from £127.5 *million*, while earnings per share rose from 70.3p from 77.6p. Turnover was up 10.6 per cent to £384.6 million.

Southern's non-regulated activities continued to peform well. The division, which includes Greenhill Enterprises, the biggest landfill company in Hampshire, and Eco-Clear, a company that purifies the water used in offices, reported an operating profit of £11.1 million, up 10 per cent. The company's non-utility businesses are among the few successful diversifications in the industry.

- Mr Webster said: "We see significant potential for expansion in the non-regulated area." Acquisitions are likely, although no purchase is imminent.

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Swalec cautious over dividends

By Martin Waller

SOUTH Wales Electricity, the second of the regional electricity companies to report profits for the year to March 31, has taken a cautious line on dividend payments and ruled out for now any price cuts to its 940,000 customers.

Wynford Evans, the chairman, accused Seeboard, which accompanied its figures last week with a £170 million handout to shareholders and customers over the next four years, of muddying the water before the review into prices that is overhanging the industry. Seeboard raised dividends 23 per cent, but South Wales Electricity has limited itself to a more modest 19.5 per cent rise, a 19.6p final making a total of 30.6p although the actual cost to the company of the payment is up just 8.7 per cent because *of the purchase of 10* per cent of the share capital last year.

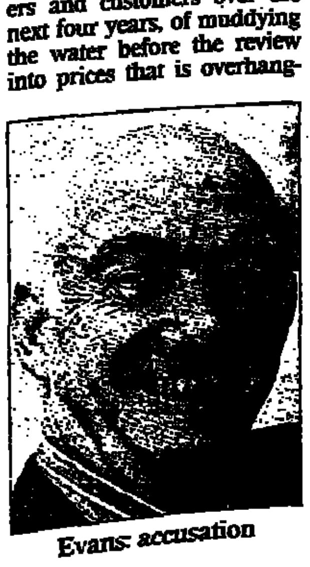
The dividend is covered 3.1 times by earnings of 96.1p.

Pre-tax profits were ahead by 18 per cent to £122.6 million in spite of £1.1 million of start-up costs for a cable television *joint venture and a similar* reduction in interest received because of the cost of the buy-back.

Mr Evans said: "It's been a very good year for Swalec — we've achieved our best financial result since privatisation."

Future decisions on dividends and cutting prices would have to await the outcome of the review early next month, which will govern how much the company can afford.

"We feel it prudent to wait until we have seen and evaluated the review," he added.



Evans: accusation

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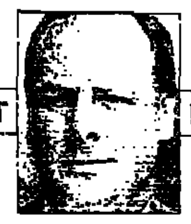


US investors fix sights on telephone operator

Receiving attention: Vodafone shares reached a high

AMERICAN investors were again clamoring for shares of **Vodafone**, the mobile telephone operator, as the price climbed 8p to a high for the year of 234½p.

Dealers reported heavy support for the shares overnight on Wall Street and by the close of business in London yesterday, more than seven million shares had been traded.

At the last count, US investors held around 34 per cent of the shares in issue and brokers in the City say it will not be long before they raise it to 40 per cent. Yesterday's flurry of activity was accompanied by the announcement from Vodafone that it had signed up its two millionth subscriber — 18 months after the group hit the million mark.

Last week, Vodafone reported a small increase in pre-tax profits to £371 million on sales 36 per cent higher at £1.1 billion. The group said profits had been held back by start-up costs overseas totalling £63 million. British fund managers gave a lukewarm response, but American investors snapped up stock.

Elsewhere, share prices put in a late surge to end with healthy gains on the day. Much of the improvement was futures led, with sentiment also boosted by a large programme trade.

Brokers said there were technical factors for the improvement as traders struggled to cover positions ahead of the expiry of the June financial futures and traded options later this morning.

In the event, the FT-SE 100 index finished 30.6 higher at 3,370.4 with a total of 686 million shares traded. Investors paid little regard to the latest inflation numbers which fell comfortably within the Chancellor's new target range.

Kleinwort Benson touched 714p before ending the day 5p easier at 719p after the German Dresdner Bank finally admitted that it wanted to bid. The sting in the tail came with Dresdner saying it would only pay around the current market price which would value Kleinwort at £980 million. There had been talk that Dresdner was ready to offer up to 850p a share.

Talk that the two sides might get together has been doing the rounds in the Square Mile for some months.

Foreign predators have now snapped up most of the City's leading merchant banks including Morgan Grenfell, Barings and SG Warburg, leaving just a few independent firms. Speculative buying focused on two of these yesterday with **Schroders** climbing 24p to £11.38 and **Hambros** adding 5p at 191p. **Smith New Court**, the publicly quoted stockbroker, is seen as a takeover target for the likes of Schroders, which may account for the jump of 21p to 438p in the shares in spite of sharply lower profits. At the pre-tax level, they collapsed from £95.2 million to £31.2 million with Michael Marks, chairman, blaming volatile markets and low volumes. In spite of this, SNC followed its policy and raised the dividend.

A combination of profit-taking and disappointment at its decision not to follow the lead of other water companies and pay a special dividend, left **Southern Water** 13p lower at 627p. Even so, the group has raised the total dividend for the year by 12 per cent to 25.9p on the back of a surge in pre-tax profits last year from £127.5 million to £143.4 million.

South Wales Electricity fell 9p to 732p after an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £122.6 million. Last year's buyback boosted earnings 31 per cent and now the group wants permission from shareholders to buy back a further 10 per cent of its shares. Shareholders have been rewarded with 6p rise to 25.6p. **Hartstone**, the leather products and hosiery group, also firmed 1¼p to 16p as it celebrated a return to the dividend list. The group, which has taken steps to reduce its high level of debt, returned to the black last year with profits of £4.7 million against a loss of £70.7 million. A final dividend of 0.32p has been proposed.

Trading starts today in FirstBus, after the £265 million merger between GRT Bus Group and Badgerline, making it the UK's second largest bus company. Badgerline shareholders are offered new shares on a 1-for-1 basis; GRT on a 1.9-for-1. GRT closed unchanged at 274p and Badgerline 1p easier at 146p.

Better than expected figures lifted **Tinsley Robor** 15½p to 88½p. The group weighed in with pre-tax profits of £2.2 million, compared with City estimates of £2 million. What made the group's performance all the more remarkable, was that the result was achieved in spite of charges of around £1 million. Last year it made profits of £450,000.

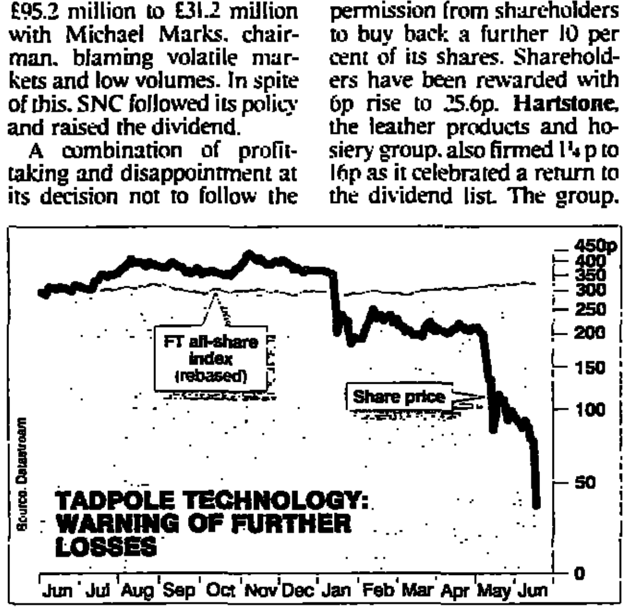
Airtours dropped 18p to 418p as Warburg Securities, the stockbroker, came into line with the forecasts of rival firms. They are looking for pre-tax losses next week of between £30 million and £37 million.

A profits warning left **CML Microsystems** 14p lower at 139p. A disappointing second-half performance has left full-year pre-tax profits down from £4.5 million to £3.8 million with the group saying that profits in the first half of the current year were also in decline.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** struggled to find direction with a number of European financial centres closed for a public holiday. Prices fluctuated for much of the day in thin trading before turning easier near the close. The latest inflation numbers were greeted with disappointment by traders but sentiment was given a boost by the Philadelphia Fed Index. However, the subsequent rally proved short-lived.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt traded around the £106 level for much of the day before relapsing to finish £7/16 lower at £105¾. Trading was thin with just 42,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 fell £17/32 to £98 9/16, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 retreated £5/16 to £100 11/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares remained higher at midday but investor enthusiasm waned somewhat as profit-taking in the bond market erased the early gains which had briefly swept the Dow Jones industrial average through 4,500 points during the morning. The Dow was up 4.15 at 4,495.23 after hitting a session high at 4,502.15.



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Brussels:
General .... 7565.82 (-3.97)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1920.70 (+27.05)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 664.50 (+3.20)

London:
FT 30 .... 2533.8 (+28.3)
FT 100 .... 3370.4 (+30.6)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3662.1 (+8.2)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1671.0 (+12.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1356.74 (+5.62)
FT A All-Share .... 1650.69 (+11.52)
FT Non Financials .... 1776.64 (+11.89)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.82 (-0.14)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.51 (-0.07)
Bargains 22167
SEAQ Volume 706.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 159.65 (+0.57)
US$ .... 1.5947 (-0.0148)
German Mark .... 2.2501 (-0.0008)
Exchange Index .... 84.5 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2077
£:SDR 1.0235
RPI .... 149.6 May (3.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	706	+5
Finsbury Worldwide	102	+1
Gradus Group (122)	126	...
Gus Carter (80)	88	+1
International Energy	111	-1
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
NatWest Irish Smlr (100)	93½	-½
NatWest Irish Smlr Wts	30	...
Nynex CableComms	137½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Silk Industries (125)	140	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Daniels (S) n/p (34)	20	...
David Brown n/p (205)	26	...
FKI n/p (125)	27	...
Grand Central n/p (25)	3	...
Laser-Scan n/p (10)	1¼	...
Turnpyke n/p (20)	1	...
Waste Recycling n/p (80)	26	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Royal Bank Scot .... 434p (+10p)
SG Warburg .... 766p (+15p)
Caffyns .... 253p (+18p)
Antofagasta .... 303p (+10p)
Psion .... 393p (+10p)
Amersham .... 905p (+20p)
Huntleigh Tech .... 688p (+45p)
General Accident .... 619p (+12p)
Carlton Comm .... 970p (+8p)
Reed Int .... 866p (+11p)
SmithKline .... 556p (+13p)
REXAM .... 480p (+11p)
Reuters .... 525p (+14½p)
MAM .... 833p (+16p)
Smith New Court .... 438p (+21p)

FALLS:
Nat Aust Bank .... 499p (-29p)
ICI .... 754p (-10p)
Laporte .... 727p (-15p)
CML Micro .... 139p (-14p)
Tadpole Tech .... 42p (-13p)
Lloyd Thompson .... 170p (-10p)
Airtours .... 418p (-20p)
Warnford .... 220p (-13p)

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TEMPUS

Southern delays jam

OVER the long term, shareholders of Southern Water may discover that the company's decision not to pay them a special "efficiency" dividend was wise. Their immediate reaction, however, was one of disappointment in the wake of the additional interim payments announced by rival operators such as North West Water. Southern's dividend announcement sent the shares down 13p, while the shares of most other water companies rose slightly.

But a special dividend, coupled with a customer rebate, might have cost Southern more than £100 million over the next five years (the efficiency packages of two larger companies, Severn Trent and North West Water, will cost £174 million and £180 million, respectively, over the same period). Not crafting a package of its own leaves Southern with an ungeared balance sheet and considerable financial flexibility. It can, for example, ensure that dividend growth remains among the highest in the industry. Indeed, Southern's final dividend of 25.9p, up 12.1 per cent, was slightly ahead of expectations.

The company may still buy back its own shares — it will seek permission to do so at its annual meeting in August — or use the saved money to build up its non-regulated sides. Southern is one of the few water companies that has made money from non-core businesses. The issue is one of choosing jam now or hoping for more jam tomorrow.

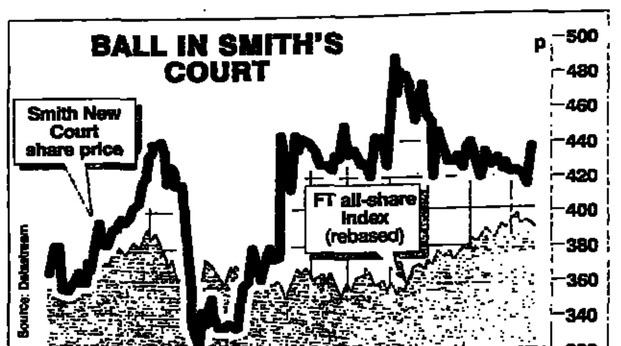
Many privatised boards, concerned for their share prices, have decided to spoon-feed investors. Southern appears overly cautious to investors now, but it has not dropped off the City's buy list.

SNC

IF there are any jobbers still lurking in the corridors of Smith New Court, they must have been shaking their heads when the company revealed that its return on capital had plunged from 48 per cent to 13.6 per cent as profits collapsed from £95 million to £31 million. The company is playing a different game these days: over the last five years, the capital base has doubled to almost £260 million.

In the midst of troubled waters, SNC is raising its investment and with only 14 per cent gearing can afford to increase the stakes. It has paid £7 million for a seat at the stock exchange in Tokyo and increased staff there to 100. The question is: where will the new business come from? In spite of a spring boost to the equity market, volumes have not been particularly buoyant and the Japanese market is not in bullish mood.

In the UK, a new threat has emerged to SNC's 19 per cent share of the equity market with the recognition of Tradepoint, the electronic order-driven exchange. SNC, still a jobber in spirit, has spurned overtures by Tradepoint and will watch the newcomer's first steps from a distance, but if institutions like the system, it could be damaging. Today, the market is only interested in bids: hence yesterday's rally in the shares. But if a bid does not emerge, SNC's shareholders may have to be contented with a more secure niche than a global reach.



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Frost Group

THE subject of petrol retailing appears to have sparked off a a frenzy of discounting at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker acting for Frost that priced the company's cash call at 20 per cent below the market only to see the fully paid shares soar yesterday.

Frost's chairman preferred to dwell on the giant step forward made with the acquisition of the Burmah chain. He held out the prospect of earnings enhancement from better incentives to licensees and rebranding the sites with Frost's retail identity, Save.

Unlike the oil majors, Frost makes good money out of petrol stations because it is a retailer with few illusions about its product or market. The big oil companies allowed petrol to become a commodity some years ago. They have since lost market share and are now trying to recover ground with consumer campaigns. But it is a losing battle — the favoured cosy marketing image is tarnished by big oil's upstream activities. Frost will be able to improve Burmah's margins quickly by reducing its management overhead and cutting out fuel sales to commercial customers. A more competitive pricing structure will also boost gasoline volumes but it is a pity that the Frost's thrifty brand image did not affect the pricing of the rights issue, which leaves the company with a lot more to pay in dividends.

Capital Shopping

AFTER appalling mismanagement of their investments for years, the Church Commissioners have at least chosen a safe pair of hands to take over the MetroCentre at Gateshead. For Capital Shopping Centres, it is a coup; it provides a balance to their portfolio of retail assets, which was heavily weighted to southeast England. The Lakeside shopping Centre at Thurrock, valued at £454 million, accounted for more than 55 per cent of the company's assets at the end of December. Fortunately for CSC, some of the more fanciful bids at rumoured yields of 5 per cent have failed to materialise — or were not backed by real money — and if CSC buys 90 per cent of the property for about £350 million, it might have an initial yield of almost 6.5 per cent.

An added benefit for CSC investors will be the increased gearing of CSC after the deal, which will accelerate any growth in the portfolio. More interesting will be the effect on the rest of CSC's portfolio; the company believes that open market values fail to measure the true value of a shopping centre, which are better valued on discounted cash flows. But unless CSC strikes a real bargain, the MetroCentre deal could harden valuation yields over its entire portfolio.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	920-919	Sep	1029-1026
Sep	940-939	Dec	1046-1041
Dec	964-963	Mar	1066-1060
Mar	988-987	May	1085-1074
May	1003-1001		
Jul	1017-1015		Volume: 2373

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	2805-2800	Mar	2695-2685
Sep	2725-2720	May	2670-2660
Nov	2710-2705	Jul	2675-2665
Jan	2700-2695		Volume: 1989

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	287.6-87.0
Spot: 410.0		May	291.0-90.0
Aug	359.0-58.5	Aug	295.0-93.0
Oct	308.0-07.0	Oct	279.0-77.0
Dec	292.6-92.0		Volume: 706

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.72	107.38	125.93
(+/-)	+1.18	-6.20	+1.64
Eng/Wales:	95.72	107.05	124.43
(+/-)	+1.18	-6.27	+1.04
(%)	-2.0	+12.0	-5.0
Scotland:	unq	111.82	134.15
(+/-)		-5.00	+3.94
(%)		+9.0	+15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.00	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.65	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.40	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.90	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.70	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 198 (-1)	O: 200 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	157 (+1)	159 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	155 (+1)	156 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	154 (+1)	156 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	89 (n/c)	91 (n/c)
Naphtha	183 (n/c)	185 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	153.50-53.75	Oct	157.00-57.25
Aug	153.25-53.50	Nov	158.50-59.00
Sep	154.75-55.00		Vol: 10767

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.92-17.93	Oct	17.28-17.30
Aug	17.63-17.65	Nov	17.19-17.24
Sep	17.40-17.42		Vol: 33743

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	126.50	Sep	105.50
Sep	107.75	Nov	106.75
Nov	108.65	Jan	109.00
Jan	110.75	Mar	111.25
Mar	112.60	May	112.25
Volume: 126		Volume: 5	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	108.3	109.5
May	unq	140.0
Jun		
		Volume: 17

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jul 99.25-99.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 95	2035	1995	2013
Jul 95	1970	1930	1970
Aug 95	1930	1905	1933
Oct 95	1895	1890	1895

Vol: 375 lots Open interest: 3802
Index: 1990 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2956.0-2957.0	2905.0-2906.0	959175
Lead ($/tonne)	613.00-614.00	626.00-627.00	164375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.0-1008.0	1029.0-1029.5	456200
Tin ($/tonne)	6850.0-6855.0	6690.0-6695.0	29225
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1755.0-1755.5	1776.0-1777.0	910925
Nickel ($/tonne)	7650.0-7655.0	7765.0-7790.0	76912

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	500	38	52	59	2	6	13
(*534)	550	6	22	30	20	27	35
Argyll	300	31	39	45	1	4	8
(*328)	330	9	19	26	10	15	20
ASDA	80	6	9	11	1	3	5
(*85)	90	1	4	6	6	9	10
Boots	500	22	36	43	5	10	17
(*514)	550	3	12	19	36	38	44
Br Airways	420	7	19	26	15	21	29
(*421)	460	0	6	12	49	50	52
BP	420	35	43	49	1	5	9
(*451)	460	6	18	26	14	21	25
Br Steel	160	6	10	13	3	6	9
(*165)	180	0	3	5	18	19	21
C & W	420	28	43	44	8	15	23
(*426)	460	0	24	30	29	35	42
CU	600	21	34	47	10	25	31
(*608)	650	3	14	25	43	57	61
ICI	750	22	39	54	11	27	32
(*756)	800	4	19	31	44	58	61
Kingfshr	420	39	48	58	1	10	14
(*455)	460	11	23	35	13	26	31
Land Sec	600	28	44	51	4	10	15
(*619)	650	4	18	24	32	35	40
M & S	390	30	39	47	1	4	7
(*417)	420	8	20	26	9	14	18
Nat West	550	24	35	46	8	21	25
(*563)	600	4	12	23	39	51	53
Sainsbury	420	30	40	48	1	5	9
(*446)	460	5	15	24	15	21	25
Shell	750	19	39	45	8	22	36
(*756)	800	2	12	22	43	52	55
SmKl Bch	550	17	31	44	11	21	27
(*554)	600	1	11	22	46	52	56
Storehse	260	10	15	22	6	10	12
(*267)	280	1	6	12	18	21	22
Trafalgar	45	4	7	9	1	3	4
(*46)	50	1	4	7	3	5	7
Unilever	1250	22	59	80	15	30	39
(*1255)	1300	7	33	54	47	57	64
Zeneca	1050	60	95	119	24	47	63
(*1081)	1100	34	70	93	47	72	87
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	20	29	36	7	12	17
(*403)	420	6	14	21	25	25	33
Ladbroke	160	22	24	28	1	2	5
(*179)	180	8	11	16	6	10	12
Utd Bisc	330	17	20	34	7	15	18
(*337)	360	7	13	20	26	32	35

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	25	37	45	3	8	12
(*479)	500	4	15	24	23	27	31
Thames W	460	26	38	45	3	10	17
(*479)	500	5	17	25	23	29	37
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	45	51	61	5	11	13
(*499)	500	18	26	37	22	26	30
BTR	330	16	22	27	6	11	15
(*337)	360	3	9	13	24	29	31
Br Aero	495	44	57	—	8	18	—
(*525)	545	17	31	—	30	42	—
Br Telcm	390	17	21	25	10	15	20
(*398)	420	4	9	13	33	35	39
Cadbury	447	43	—	—	2	—	—
(*483)	466	16	—	—	14	—	—
Guinness	460	30	40	50	4	10	14
(*481)	500	9	18	29	22	29	32
GEC	330	8	14	19	13	17	20
(*330)	360	1	4	8	38	39	40
Hanson	211	22	24	26	1	3	5
(*229)	231	7	11	14	6	11	13
LASMO	160	16	22	26	2	4	6
(*172)	180	5	11	15	11	13	19
Lucas	180	16	20	23	3	8	10
(*191)	200	5	10	13	12	18	20
Pilkingtn	180	9	14	17	6	8	11
(*185)	200	3	5	8	18	20	22
Prudential	330	21	27	34	5	11	13
(*341)	360	6	13	19	21	27	29
Redland	420	41	50	56	4	10	13
(*453)	460	15	26	34	18	26	30
R-Royce	180	11	16	20	5	9	11
(*184)	200	3	7	11	17	21	22
Tesco	290	20	26	32	3	6	10
(*295)	300	8	15	20	11	16	19
Vodafone	220	17	24	29	5	8	12
(*232)	240	6	14	19	14	18	21
Williams	330	14	20	26	7	12	14
(*334)	360	3	7	13	26	31	32

FT-SE INDEX (*3370)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jun	120	70	21	1	1	1
Jul	149	108	72	44	22	11
Aug	156	119	87	60	38	23
Sep	178	142	111	83	59	41
Dec	—	199	—	142	—	95
Puts						
Jun	1	1	2	30	80	130
Jul	12	22	38	63	96	140
Aug	24	37	55	78	109	146
Sep	35	49	68	92	119	153
Dec	—	87	—	129	—	164

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abbey Nat	460	21	33	43	1	11	14
(*480)	500	1	12	22	21	32	34
Amstrad	220	5	15	20	2	9	13
(*223)	240	0	7	12	17	21	24
Barclays	650	35	51	65	0	12	19
(*684)	700	3	22	37	17	35	43
Blue Circ	280	18	27	32	0	7	11
(*297)	300	3	15	21	5	15	20
Br Gas	300	10	19	24	1	6	11
(*309)	330	0	5	10	21	23	28
Dixons	220	18	20	24	0	4	5
(*237)	240	2	8	12	4	13	14
Forte	240	3	10	15	2	7	11
(*240)	260	0	2	7	20	20	23
Tarmac	110	6	12	14	0	5	7
(*115)	120	1	8	10	5	10	13
Hillsdwn	180	5	12	16	1	4	8
(*194)	200	0	3	7	16	17	19
Lonrho	140	10	14	18	0	3	5
(*149)	160	0	5	8	11	14	16
Sears	100	6	10	11	0	1	2
(*106)	110	0	4	6	3	6	7
Thrn EMI	1300	22	54	67	7	41	51
(*1315)	1350	2	30	45	36	72	90
Tomkins	220	16	20	24	0	5	7
(*234)	240	1	8	14	6	15	17
TSB	240	14	20	26	0	7	10
(*255)	260	2	9	16	7	17	19
Wellcome	1000	72	76	—	0	1	—
(*1072)	1050	22	30	—	0	7	—
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	56	69	76	2	16	20
(*749)	750	20	36	46	15	38	42
HSBC	800	39	65	82	15	37	48
(*820)	850	15	40	59	41	62	73
Reuter	500	32	46	59	4	13	19
(*522)	550	7	20	32	28	38	43
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	300	28	34	42	2	10	12
(*324)	330	9	17	25	12	23	25
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	190	7	17	21	1	7	10
(*196)	200	0	6	12	13	18	21
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	650	37	55	66	26	37	45
(*672)	700	14	33	44	57	65	73
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	19	24	33	2	12	17
(*476)	500	0	7	14	35	38	40
Scot Pwr	330	12	20	26	0	10	15
(*341)	360	0	5	12	18	29	32

June 15, 1995 Tot: 51559 Call: 24419
Put: 27140 FT-SE Call: 11515 Put: 15019
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 81666	Jun 95	3342.0	3377.0	3331.0	3370.0	18609
	Sep 95	3368.0	3405.0	3358.0	3397.0	14738
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 5224	Jun 95	3660.0	3660.0	3660.0	3665.0	112
	Sep 95	3684.0	3684.5	3684.0	3690.0	112
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 432466	Jun 95	93.34	93.36	93.34	93.34	7027
	Sep 95	93.06	93.10	93.03	93.04	18361
	Dec 95	92.94	92.90	92.77	92.80	19069
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1154	Jun 95				94.00	0
	Sep 95				94.37	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 719426	Jun 95	95.53	95.55	95.52	95.52	11453
	Sep 95	95.66	95.69	95.65	95.66	19933
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 115156	Jun 95	106-25	106-25	106-20	106-08	275
	Sep 95	106-04	106-15	105-21	105-24	42024
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 95	118.45	118.47	118.24	118.29	3303
	Dec 95				117.44	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 184191	Sep 95	93.94	94.53	93.91	94.01	110422
	Dec 95	93.40	93.68	93.40	93.49	221
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19036	Jun 95	93.80	93.82	93.80	93.81	396
	Sep 95	93.92	93.94	93.90	93.93	443
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 44535	Jun 95	96.85	96.90	96.80	96.84	2707
	Sep 95	96.78	96.87	96.77	96.79	4621
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 37376	Sep 95	98.40	99.04	98.30	98.47	32224
	Dec 95				98.07	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 7¼ Week fixed: 6⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6½; 3 mth 6⅜; Sell: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth: 6⅜.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6¾-6½	6¾-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6½.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6¾	6⅞	7
Sterling CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.96	n/a	5.90	5.78	5.78
Building Society CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¾	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	5-4
French Franc:	7½-7¼	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼	7-6¾	8¼-6½
Swiss Franc:	3-2¾	3¼-2½	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3¼-3½	3¼-2¾
Yen:	1¼-1⅛	1¼-1⅛	1³⁄₁₆-1¹⁄₁₆	1⅛-1	1¼-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.15-388.55 **Close:** $388.90-389.40 **High:** $389.00-389.50
Low: $386.65-387.15 **AM:** $388.00 **PM:** $388.50

Krugerrand: $392.00-394.00 (£245.00-247.00)

Platinum: $439.00 (£274.80) **Silver:** $5.37 (£3.35) **Palladium:** $160.25 (£100.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5143-2.5232	2.5197-2.5230	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.05-46.34	46.24-46.34	8-5pr	25-18pr
Copenhagen	8.7580-8.7940	8.7790-8.7940	par-¾ds	par-1⅛ds
Dublin	0.9794-0.9843	0.9794-0.9820	1ds-2pr	1ds-4pr
Frankfurt	2.2462-2.2547	2.2513-2.2544	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	235.87-237.44	236.80-237.44	55-61ds	190-206ds
Madrid	194.33-195.35	195.06-195.35	48-58ds	153-168ds
Milan	2624.10-2645.30	2635.60-2645.30	9-11ds	28-30ds
Montreal	2.1956-2.2152	2.1959-2.1989	0.09-0.20ds	0.14-0.27ds
New York	1.5956-1.6036	1.5956-1.5966	0.05-0.03pr	0.23-0.19pr
Oslo	9.9820-10.0230	10.0080-10.0230	1-¾pr	2⅛-1⅞pr
Paris	7.8810-7.9150	7.8950-7.9090	¼-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅞pr
Stockholm	11.6050-11.6640	11.6190-11.6430	2⅛-2⅞ds	6⅛-8ds
Tokyo	135.14-135.67	135.14-135.40	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Vienna	15.79-15.86	15.82-15.86	3-1⅛pr	8⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8559-1.8681	1.8652-1.8681	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia 1.3758-1.3768
Austria 9.89-9.90
Belgium (Com) 28.88-28.89
Canada 1.3755-1.3760
Denmark 5.4853-5.4888
France 4.9335-4.9365
Germany 1.4070-1.4075
Hong Kong 7.7358-7.7363
Ireland 1.6282-1.6301
Italy 1648.00-1.648.75
Japan 84.72-84.77
Malaysia 2.4418-2.4428
Netherlands 1.5752-1.5757
Norway 6.2550-6.2600
Portugal 148.00-148.20
Singapore 1.3961-1.3971
Spain 121.73-121.83
Sweden 7.2750-7.2850
Switzerland 1.1640-1.1650

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso* 1.5980-1.6006
Australia dollar 2.1993-2.2015
Bahrain dinar 0.598-0.610
Brazil real* 1.4493-1.4535
China yuan .... 12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound 0.705-0.715
Finland markka 6.835-6.951
Greece drachma 360.50-367.50
Hong Kong dollar 12.3618-12.3665
India rupee 49.84-50.80
Indonesia rupiah 3532.00-3600.60
Kuwait dinar KD 0.474-0.484
Malaysia ringgit 3.9020-3.9048
New Zealand dollar 2.3869-2.3901
Pakistan rupee .... 49.32 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal 5.945-6.071
Singapore dollar 2.2300-2.2330
S Africa rand (com) 5.820-5.922
U A E dirham 5.8225-5.9465
*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	778	Lloyds Bk	860
ASDA Gp	24,000	MEPC	988
Abbey Natl	3,000	Marks Spr	5,400
Alld Dom	1,500	NatWst Bk	5,400
Argyll Gp	4,900	Nat Power	3,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,300	Nth Wst W	431
AB Foods	1,500	P & O	1,300
BAA	1,000	Pearson	1,000
BAT Inds	4,800	PowerGen	1,500
BOC	1,100	Prudential	979
BP	14,000	REXAM	907
BTR	5,400	RMC	402
BT	6,700	RTZ	1,500
Bk of Scot	965	Rank Org	1,700
Barclays	4,100	Reckitt Col	1,000
Bass	3,700	Redland	1,800
Blue Circle	3,900	Reed Intl	2,000
Boots	1,000	Rentokil	664
Brit Aero	2,300	Reuters	4,900
Brit Airwys	10,000	Rolls Royce	4,400
Brit Gas	5,300	Ryl Ins	2,300
Brit Steel	6,300	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800
Burmah Cstl	889	Sainsbury	2,900
Cable Wire	8,800	Schroders	395
Cadbury	4,300	Scot & New	518
Caradon	2,000	Scot Power	3,900
Carlton Cms	536	Sears	8,300
Cm Union	1,300	Svrn Trent	774
Courtaulds	744	Shell Trans	12,000
De La Rue	408	Siebe	692
Eastern Elec	947	SmKl Bch	3,400
Enterpr Oil	929	Smith Nph	1,200
Forte	4,300	Sthern Elec	1,200
GKN	553	Std Chartd	4,800
GRE	8,700	Sun Allnce	1,700
GUS	1,200	TI Gp	465
Gen Acc	687	TSB	6,800
Gen Elec	8,400	Tate & Lyle	142
Glaxo Well	7,300	Tesco	8,500
Granada	1,000	Thames W	1,100
Grand Met	2,800	Thrn EMI	1,400
Guinness	2,900	Tomkins	7,500
HSBC	2,300	Unilever	1,800
Hanson	7,400	Utd Bisc	701
ICI	4,800	Vodafone	7,100
Inchcape	2,700	Warburg	1,600
Kingfisher	2,100	Whitbread	757
Ladbroke	2,800	Wlms Hld	1,600
Land Secs	357	Wolseley	1,900
Legal & Gn	2,000	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	Jun 15 midday	Jun 14 close
AMP Inc	45	42
AMR Corp	74	75
AT & T	51	51
Abbott Labs	40	40
Advanced Micro	35	35
Aetna Life	62	62
Ahmanson (HF)	22	22
Air Prod & Chem	53	52
Alberison's	29	28
Alcan Alumnm	29	29
Alco Standard	75	76
Allied Signal	39	40
Alum Co of Am	44	44
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	50	49
Amer Brands	38	39
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	35	35
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	74	74
Amer Ind	113	114
Amer Stores	27	27
Ameritech	45	44
Amoco	69	68
Anheuser-Busch	56	56
Apple Computer	43	43
Archer Daniels	19	19
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	49	49
Asarco	28	28
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	114	115
Auto Data Pro	62	62
Avery Dennison	41	41
Avon Products	68	68
Baker Hughes	21	21
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	32	32
BankAmerica	51	52
Bank of NY	42	42
Bankers Tr NY	61	61
Barnett Banks	49	48
Bausch & Lomb	40	40
Baxter Intl	34	34
Bectn Dicknsn	58	58
Bell Atlantic	55	54
Bell Industries	19	19
BellSouth	62	61
Black & Decker	30	32
Block (H&R)	38	37
Boeing	64	64
Boise Cascade	34	34
Bristol Myrs Sq	68	68
Browning Ferris	38	36
Brunswick	18	18
Burlington Nthn	60	60
CBS	68	69
CNA Financial	85	85
CPC Intl	61	61
CSX	73	74
Campbell Soup	48	48
Can Pacific	17	17
Cptl Cities ABC	101	98
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	63	63
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	47	48
Chase Manhat	47	47
Chemical Bk	46	46
Chevron Corp	49	49
Chrysler	44	43
Chubb Corp	82	82
Cigna Corp	75	75
Citicorp	56	56
Clorox	60	60
Coastal Corp	30	30
Coca Cola	61	61
Colgate-Palmolive	75	75
Columbia Gas	32	32
Compaq Comp	40	41
Comp Ass Int	70	69
Conagra	33	33
Conrail	52	52
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cooper Inds	37	36
Corning Inc	32	33
Crown Cork	49	49
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	73	74
Deere	86	87
Delta Air Lines	73	73
Deluxe Corp	33	33
Detroit Edison	29	30
Digital Equip	45	45
Dillard Dept St	29	28
Disney (Walt)	58	58
Dominion Res	37	38
Donelley (RR)	35	36
Dover Corp	68	68
Dow Chemical	69	70
Dow Jones	35	35
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	41	41
Dun & Bradstreet	53	53
Du Pont	65	65
Eastman Kodak	61	61
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Jun 15 midday	Jun 14 close
Enron Corp	35	35
Entergy	24	25
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	70	70
FMC Corp	62	62
FPL Group	37	38
Federal Express	62	62
Fed Nat Mtge	95	95
First Chicago	58	58
First Interstate	81	82
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	36	36
Fluor Corp	50	51
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	33	33
Gannett	55	54
Gap Inc Del	36	36
Gen Dynamics	44	45
Gen Electric	58	57
Gen Mills	52	52
Gen Motors	46	46
Gen Reinsurance	134	133
Gen Signal	37	37
Genuine Parts	38	39
Georgia Pac	79	81
Gillette	84	84
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23
Goodrich (BF)	50	51
Goodyear Tire	42	42
Grace (W&R)	62	62
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	20	20
Halliburton	38	38
Harcourt General	42	41
Heinz (HJ)	43	43
Hercules	49	49
Hershey Foods	51	52
Hewlett Packard	72	70
Hilton Hotels	66	66
Home Depot	43	43
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	41	41
Household Intl	50	50
Houston Inds	42	42
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	118	117
Illinois Tool	51	51
Illinova	24	24
INCO	25	25
Ingersoll Rand	37	37
Inland Steel	28	28
Intel Corp	114	112
IBM	93	93
Intl Flav & Fr	50	50
Intl Paper	79	80
James River Va	27	27
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	68	68
Kellogg	68	67
Kerr-McGee	56	54
Kimberly-Clark	59	60
Kmart	14	14
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	75	75
Limited Inc	22	22
LIN Brdcstng	123	124
Lincoln Nat	44	44
Litton	38	38
Liz Claiborne	18	18
Lockheed Martin	59	59
Louisiana Pac	23	23
MCI Comm	19	19
Marriott Int	34	34
Marsh & McLnn	80	80
Masco Corp	26	27
May Dept St	41	41
Maytag Corp	16	16
McDonalds	37	37
McDonnell D	75	73
McGraw Hill	74	74
Mead Corp	53	54
Medtronic	73	73
Mellon Bk	42	42
Melville Corp	35	35
Merck Inc	48	48
Merrill Lynch	47	48
Minnesota Mine	59	59
Mobil Corp	100	100
Monsanto	87	89
Morgan (JP)	71	71
Motorola Inc	61	60
Natl Semi	27	26
Natl Service Ind	28	29
Navistar Int	15	15
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	22	22
Newmont Mng	42	41
Niag Mohawk	14	14
Nike B	83	81
NL Industries	16	16
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	42	42
Norfolk Sthrn	64	65
Nthn State Pwr	45	46
Norwest Corp	28	28
Nynex Corp	41	41
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	21	21

	Jun 15 midday	Jun 14 close
PPG Industries	40	41
PNC Bank	26	26
Paccar Inc	49	49
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	28	28
Pac Telesis	26	26
Pall Corp	22	22
Panhandle East	24	24
Parker Hannifin	36	36
Peco Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	48	48
Pennzoil	48	48
Pepsico	47	46
Pfizer	89	89
Phelps Dodge	57	56
Philip Morris	72	71
Phillips Pet	34	34
Pitney Bowes	39	40
Polaroid	42	41
PriceCostco	14	15
Procter & Gmbl	71	71
Providian	36	36
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	34	34
Ralston Purina	50	49
Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	76	76
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	47	47
Roadway Srvcs	47	46
Rockwell Intl	46	45
Rohm & Haas	52	52
Royal Dutch	124	125
Rubbermaid	26	26
SBC Comms	46	46
Safeco Corp	58	58
St Paul's Cos	48	49
Salomon Inc	39	40
Santa Fe Pac	24	24
Sara Lee Corp	27	28
Scecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	40	40
Schlumberger	64	64
Scott Paper	43	44
Seagram	30	31
Sears Roebuck	57	57
Shell Trans	73	74
Sherwin Wllms	36	36
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	34	34
Southern Co	22	22
Sprint Corp	34	33
Stanley Works	37	40
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	49	49
Suntrust	57	57
Supervalu	28	28
Sysco Corp	27	28
TRW Inc	79	79
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	16	16
Tandy Corp	48	48
Teledyne	23	23
Temple Inland	44	45
Tenneco	46	47
Texaco	67	67
Texas Instr	127	123
Texas Utilities	33	33
Textron	59	59
Time Warner	39	39
Times-Mirror A	22	22
Timken	41	41
Torchmark	39	39
Toys R Us	27	28
Transamerica	60	60
Travelers	41	42
Tribune	59	60
Tyco Labs	55	55
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	128	128
US Inds	13	14
USX Marathon	19	19
Unicom	26	26
Unilever NV	128	129
Union Camp	52	53
Union Carbide	30	29
Union Pacific	51	52
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAIR Group	11	10
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	40	40
US West	40	40
United Tech	78	77
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	37	37
VF Corp	52	52
WMX Tech	27	27
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	83	83
Wells Fargo	177	177
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	45
Whirlpool	56	57
Whitman	18	18
Winn Dixie	56	56
Woolworth	16	15

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Beirut ball left Fortless

WHAT diplomacy! After all the effort Britain's invisible and tangible traders have put into reestablishing a presence in the now peaceful Lebanon, businessfolk in Beirut are, I hear, incensed about the non-appearance of Maeve Fort, our ambassador, at the recent British banquet and ball in the city. With competition fierce for billions of pounds worth of reconstruction work, the British business community had invested great hopes in the ball, the first in Beirut for 21 years, inviting hosts of key Lebanese officials. All our embassy could muster was a junior diplomat.

Don't forget Asil

ASIL NADIR's protector in northern Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas, has shown no concern about the fugitive former head of Polly Peck being holed up in his bailiwick, in spite of Britain's request for Nadir's return to face £34 million of theft charges. Denktas has now publicly aired his alarm over tens of thousands of money-laundering Russians he says inhabit the Greek half of Cyprus. Evidently, he believes the Greek Cypriots are better at attracting people trying to evade the law.

In the shade

POOR Smith New Court. Yesterday the market-maker's financial results were overshadowed by the announcement that Kleinwort Benson was to be taken over by Dresdner. In December, its figures were forced to compete with the news that SG Warburg was planning a merger with Morgan Stanley. Once would be unlucky. But twice?

"They're selling like merchant banks"

Berry grabbed

FRESH from snatching up Simon Briscoe from SG Warburg to head up its economics team, Nikko Europe, has hired Brian Berry to be joint MD and head of trading in the firm's fixed-income and marketing division. Berry, 42, started as a blue button on the Stock Exchange in 1969 and was global head of eurobond trading at NatWest Capital Markets before Nikko found him.

WITH the Maxwell trial proceeding at a snail's pace, spare a thought for Ian Maxwell, who yesterday had the dubious pleasure of celebrating his thirty-ninth birthday in the confines of the Chichester Rents courtroom.

Yoga off menu

CITY folk attending the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry lunch yesterday could be forgiven for being a little confused as they entered Barrington House on Wood Street. Having descended to the basement, they were confronted with a sign, indicating that the yoga was down the corridor to the right. The oriental exercises were, I am assured, totally unrelated to the lunch and its speaker Hirotaro Higuchi, vice-chairman of the Keidanren, Japan's CBI.

Exploiting executive greed for good of the company

Philip Bassett discovers how Greenbury can learn from a US inquiry

Greed is good: critics of high boardroom pay in UK companies may well feel that the distillation of the financial rapaciousness of 1980s corporate America in *Wall Street*, the US yuppie-drama, characterises the attitude of some British company bosses. But the recommendations of a US version of the UK's Greenbury inquiry into top executives' pay look likely to go well beyond their British equivalent.

"We're exploiting greed," says law professor Charles Elson, one of the members of the American inquiry, of its proposals on boardroom pay, which are to be announced next week, "but for the general good of the company."

Remarkably, the Government-backed UK committee, set up by the Confederation of British Industry and headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, boss of Marks & Spencer, has not examined the work of the US inquiry taking place at the same time into the same issue and seems unaware even of its existence.

But the findings of the US inquiry, foreshadowed by *The Times* today, propose a much more radical solution to boardroom pay excesses than the Greenbury committee is expected to produce in its report, due next month.

After a huge and still-continuing public row over boardroom pay in the UK, especially the salaries of the bosses of the privatised utilities and particularly the 75 per cent pay rise awarded to Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, the Prime Minister hurriedly asked the CBI in January to set up what became the Greenbury inquiry.

In the same month, the business-backed American inquiry began its work — and it will issue its report, *Director Compensation: Purposes, Principles and Best Practices*, in Washington on Monday.

That'll do nicely . . . but American Express's pay package for Henry Kissinger has provoked rows in the US

The US inquiry is being carried out by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), the US equivalent of Britain's Institute of Directors — whose Director-General, Tim Melville-Ross, is a member of the Greenbury inquiry.

The NACD, which has about 2,000 corporate members — the British IoD only accepts individual directors into membership — set up its executive pay inquiry after similar rows in the US over high pay packages, including, for example, public criticism of the $64,000 retainer, plus pension, life insurance and charitable donation paid by American Express to Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, in addition to the $350,000 his consulting firm receives in fees from the company.

Though the scope of the US inquiry, chaired by Robert Stobaugh, an executive compensation specialist and Harvard Business School professor, is different from Greenbury in that it is examining only directors' pay, and not that of the chairmen or chief executives, which started off the pay row in Britain, the arguments it has considered closely parallel Greenbury — though from what Greenbury is likely to recommend, the conclusions will not.

In the US, director pay and benefits have risen dramatically in the past 10 years. Cash compensation rose sharply by about 13 per cent annually to 1985, and, though it has risen more slowly since then, that has been because of a sharp rise in non-cash benefits. These are estimated to constitute up to 40 per cent of total non-executive directors' packages of about $60,000 for Fortune 500 firms.

In his election campaign, President Clinton promised tough action on excessive executive pay and two years ago ruled that pay packages over $1 million unrelated to productivity would no longer be tax-deductible — though critics insist that all that has happened since is that companies have found ingenious ways round the move.

The NACD's report next week will argue that the rapid rise in directors' benefits is difficult to justify, since they have little connection to the performance of individual directors or their companies. Like the upsurge in shareholder concern in the UK over directors' pay, as evidenced at British Gas's recent annual meeting, the NACD report will cite an "unprecedented" level of shareholders' resolutions on directors' pay issues in the US this year.

The US inquiry will argue that directors' pay must be brought into line with shareholders' goals. It will acknowledge that direct shareholding voting on boardroom pay is probably unworkable, and inquiry members are sceptical that institutional shareholders, and in particular the fund managers, who operate on their behalf, have, in any case, the time, aptitude, knowledge or incentive to make decisions on boardroom pay.

So the core of the US inquiry's recommendations will be its proposal that directors are paid largely in the stock of the companies on whose boards they serve. Research carried out by Professor Elson, the inquiry member, which the report will use, shows that companies whose directors hold stock perform better and are more publicly admired.

Probably the principal company player on the NACD inquiry is Al Dunlap, a corporate turnround specialist who as head of Scott Paper, the world's largest producer of tissue paper products, restructured the ailing firm, chopping a third of its staff, and adding almost $4 billion to its value. Mr Dunlap is an aggressive champion of paying directors in stock. It ends, he says, the tradition where "directors come and get a big fat fee and every perk known to man, and then want to protect their benefits instead of the shareholders".

Last year he put his money where his belief is, and moved all the Philadelphia-based company's directors onto payment in stock. Wall Street approved: Scott's stock price rose 3 per cent on the day he did it, adding $140 million to its market value in one throw. Inquiry members believe that paying directors in stock increases directors' corporate commitment, makes them reluctant to sanction excessive pay packages, aligns them with shareholders — and is a solution to the problem of boardroom pay.

They believe US business will rapidly change its practice to this form of payment — and that business in Britain should follow suit. Greenbury committee members, they feel, should learn the lessons of what the US is doing.

Big City name dallies with foreign suitor

Patricia Tehan looks at the changing face of merchant banking in London

Proof that the City's second Big Bang is in full swing came yesterday as Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, said it was exploring the possibility of merger with Germany's Dresdner Bank.

This is the third big City name to submit to wooing from an overseas giant this year and will force smaller rivals to consider their positions. SG Warburg is about to sign up for a £860 million takeover by Swiss Bank Corporation after its merger plans with Morgan Stanley foundered at the end of last year. Barings collapsed and was taken over, losses and all, by ING, the Dutch bank.

ABN Amro, the Dutch banking group that owns Hoare Govett, has been seen as a likely bidder for one of the dwindling number of firms left.

ABN Amro signalled its wish to build up its investment banking business in London earlier this year when it competed with ING for Barings. NatWest is said to be keen to beef up its NatWest Markets operation, and the names of various other European and US houses crop up in bid speculation. The remaining independent houses gave a mixed response to yesterday's news. For the most part, they said they were happy with their independence, but would be foolish to ignore what is happening in their market.

Takeover rumours continue to surround Schroders in spite of its continued insistence that it would prefer to remain independent. George Mallinckrodt, the president, said he was irritated by the repeated speculation. He said: "We are rock hard to remain independent."

Since the collapse of Barings and takeover of Warburg, it had become clear which firms were on the lookout for acquisitions. Mr Mallinckrodt said those firms interested in buying a London firm knew Schroders was not for sale.

A hostile bid — difficult to achieve for any investment bank — would be nigh on impossible for Schroders since the Schroder family and family trusts control 48.1 per cent of shares. Mr Mallinckrodt said the family was behind the management strategy to concentrate on its product and geographic strengths. For instance, it has a securities business in New York but not in London.

Hambros, whose shares are more freely traded, sees no reason to abandon its independence. Sir Chips Keswick, deputy chairman, said: "We have got an excellent business which needs nothing adding to it other than hard work, competence and good luck."

Hambros is unusual among merchant banks. Its diversification led it into estate agency in 1984 and into insurance, although banking is still its biggest business. While the collapse of Barings did have an initial impact on deposits, he said, it did not last long. He said the bank normally had 100 per cent of its risk assets covered by 100 per cent of customer deposits. That fell to 79 per cent immediately after the failure of Barings, but has already risen to 86 per cent. "Our deposit base is as sound as a bell," he said. NM Rothschild and Smith New Court have been said to be marriage partners for ten years since Rothschild took a stake in Smith brothers. However, its stake has never exceeded 29 per cent and has since been diluted.

> Smaller rivals will have to consider their positions

Michael Marks, SNC chairman, said that the firm enjoyed its independence, but consistently re-examined its strategy.

Cazenove, the Queen's broker, has also shunned takeover approaches.

Robert Fleming's management and family control more than half its shares, and has said the bank will remain independent. John Manser, chief executive, said: "One always tends to keep an open mind against a changing world. But we have our strategy. We have chosen the niche markets in which we want to operate."

Warburg kicked the takeover ball in the air in December. Barings kept it moving. A Dresdner takeover of Kleinwort is likely to be completed before the end of the summer.

After such a tumultuous year, it would surprise no one in the City if in 12 months' time the investment banking scene had changed again.

Sarah Bagnall on what stores want

Too many retailers woo the can-buy, won't-buy shopper

Enticing people to part with their money is proving hard for retailers. There is money in people's wallets, but they are not prepared to spend. The year had a good start, but the cash registers have fallen ominously quiet since Easter.

Yesterday's retail sales figures showed that the bleakness on the high street is worsening. According to the CSO, retail sales edged up by a mere 0.3 per cent in the first quarter of the year and were only 1.6 per cent up on a year go. In April, retail sales volume came in worse than expected, with a 0.1 per cent fall, against 4 per cent growth earlier in the recovery. Although sales rose by 0.2 per cent in May, this was only a 1.1 per cent year-on-year increase.

Evidence of further retrenchment in spending was confirmed last week when when Austin Reed and Etam, the fashion retailers, issued profits warnings. Stanley Lewis, chairman of Etam, told shareholders that "if sales continue at current levels, results for the half year to mid-August will show a trading loss".

Barry Reed, Austin Reed's chairman, said: "Retail trading this spring has proved extremely tough, partly in comparison with the large increase in sales a year ago and partly because of the general consumer malaise."

For fashion retailers, the summer sale season is imminent, but few expect a boom. The weather is critical, and summer's late arrival bodes ill. Hillary Monk, of Verdict, the retail analyst, says: "Most retailers have written off the summer and are pinning their hopes on the end of the year."

Retailers blame the lack of a revival in consumer confidence on job insecurity, rising mortgage costs and dismal forecasts on house prices, and many see tax incentives in the November Budget as crucial. Verdict's Hillary Monk says: "There will have to be some sort of incentive to kick-start consumer spending."

Today's shoppers think hard before buying

However, Tony Shiret, a Barclays de Zoete Wedd analyst doubts that Budget tax changes would have an early effect because they would only come into effect next spring.

The top 200 high streets are doing well because shoppers are willing to travel for quality, choice and a competitive price. There is a flow to the larger city centres and to shopping malls.

Good sales growth figures are reported from supermarkets, and Boots, Marks & Spencer, Next and Argos.

Philip Dorgan, an analyst with SGST, says: "Food retailers are doing extremely well, partly because the sector has been helped by the return of food price inflation." Some are also starting to see benefits of cost-cutting programmes, with Tesco's nearly completed.

Many non-food retailers are re-engineering supply chains to free working capital, respond more quickly to demand and increase sales space. Burton Group, owner of Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop/Top Man, saw stock levels fall by 14 per cent, to £242 million, last year as a result of supply chain management. Burton's buying clout has been bolstered by cutting suppliers. Dorothy Perkins dealt with 147 suppliers last year, down from 211 the previous year. The top 20 suppliers have lifted their share of sales from 54 per cent to 63 per cent.

WH Smith, one of the UK's largest retailers of books, magazines and videos, last month issued its first profits warning in 15 years because of flagging sales at its core WH Smith stores. It blamed competition from supermarkets, an increase in competitor space and depressed consumer confidence. Its Virgin/Our Price music stores and Waterstone's book stores are doing well.

Kingfisher announced, in March, the first fall in profits in its 12-year history. The drop reflected problems at its Comet and Woolworths chains. B&Q, its DIY concern, and Superdrug, its chemist chain, showed good figures.

For some, the going has become too tough. Electrical retailers are among the worst hit, as shown by Thorn EMI's decision in February to close its 285 Rumbelows stores, and by nine of the 12 regional electricity companies deciding to leave their showrooms.

At the end of the scale are retailers in the hands of receivers. KPMG, the accountant, says the retail sector is particularly vulnerable to fragile demand. Some 58 retail concerns went into receivership in the first quarter of 1995, against 51 in 1994's first quarter.

Some well-known names have disappeared from the high street. Pentos, owner of Dillons, Rymans and Athena, hit the rocks, and more are expected to do so. Scott Barnes, an insolvency partner with Grant Thornton, says: "I don't think we have seen the end of the fallout."

Part of the problem is that overexpansion in the 1980s produced an outsized retail sector with excess capacity. Too many retailers are chasing a limited spending pot.

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
503	413	Abbey Nat	479	+ 5½	4.6	9.7
305	250	Allied Irish	303	+ 3	4.6	8.8
247	198	Aus New Z	213	− 2	6.2	6.7
3387½	2531½	Bank America	3250	− 50		
232½	191½	Bank Scotland	224	+ 2½	3.2	9.9
717	557½	Barclays	684	− 4½	3.8	10.0
357	288	Bk of Ireland	335	− 2	4.5	*
524	418	Cater Allen	523		6.8	10.6
3506¼	2450	Citicorp	3506¼	+ 6¼		
330	219	Close Bros	278		3.6	12.6
£162¾	£129¾	Commerzbk	£148¾	− 206¼	5.6	
1375	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1195¾	+ 43¾	0.5	...
3271½	2850	Deutsche Bk	3109¾	− 46¼	2.4	
881¼	612½	Espirito Santo	700	− 31½	11.7	*
1511	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1411½	+ 40½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	460	...	6.5	13.3
253	182	Hambros	191	+ 6	5.0	20.0
864½	589	HSBC	818	− 2½	4.1	10.6
854	578	HSBC Hk	815	− 3	4.1	10.6
333	258	Irish Perm	318		2.4	7.4
408	363	Joseph (L)	363		6.1	10.6
124	85	King Shaxson	119	..	8.5	11.8
728	529	Kleinwort Ben	719	− 5	3.7	12.9
682	530	Lloyds	647	+ 8	5.0	10.9
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	499	− 29	7.2	8.2
575	454	Nat West	563	+ 9	4.8	9.5
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2850	..	5.8	4.0
67	51	Rea Bros	51	...	2.5	18.7
436	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	434	+ 10	4.1	10.4
1145	908½	Schroders	1138	+ 24	1.5	16.2
976¾	823½	Schroders N/V	913	+ 8	1.9	13.0
96	81	Singer & Fried	92	...	4.8	9.5
360	246	Stand Chart	342	+ 3	2.9	10.5
268	217	TSB	253	+ 3½	4.5	10.8
105	70	Union	98		3.8	
883	655	Warburg SG	766	+ 15	3.6	
£116¼	904¾	Wells Fargo	£110¼	− 150	2.6	...
257½	211	Westpac	223½	+ 6	2.4	*
258	200	Woolwich	250		5.9	*

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
182	143	Ascot Hldgs	175	− 3		*
597	487	Bass	588	+ 6	4.6	14.2
284	239	Boddington	282	.	3.9	14.5
177	137	Burtonwood Brw	143	+ 2	4.5	12.0
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	168	− 2	3.2	20.2
61	51	Fosters Brewing	53	+ 1	5.2	13.8
393	335	Fullr Sm 'A'	390	− 3	2.5	16.1
487	402	Greenalls Grp	486	+ 1	3.5	14.1
537	468	Greene King	537	+ 3	3.1	14.6
274	240	Hardy Hansn	274	+ 5	4.3	13.4
160	150	Heavitree	155		3.6	11.0
3425	3145	Holt JT	3200	+ 2	2.1	17.4

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116	91	AB Leisr	112		4.6	12.6
595	535	Adam & Harvey	535	.	3.6	6.7
21	16	Alexanders	19		6.6	9.1
113	88	Appleyard	110		6.8	13.5
4½	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4¼	+ ⅛	1.5	30.3
614	518	BSS Group	613	− 1	4.1	*
24½	19	Bearing Power	19		6.6	9.4
28	23	Bogod 'A'	23	− 2	3.8	9.7
413	345	Brammer	412		4.0	19.6
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	16	.	1.6	
95	85	Brit Fittings	85	.	4.4	13.1
48	38	Brown & Tawse	42			
39	33	Bunzlane	39	..	6.3	13.0
270	215	Caffyns	253	+ 18	5.8	*
88	66	Central Mtr	72	− 1	4.8	47.9
49	35	Cook (DC)	48½		3.0	14.9
294	220	Cowie	294		3.9	12.6
155	125	Dag Motors	154	+ 1½	5.7	13.5
598	558	Denmans El	558		1.5	13.8
499	408	Diplomat	490	− 2½	3.6	16.1
625	472	Electrocomponts	593	− 3	2.4	21.6
182	153	Electron House	#181		2.5	15.2
282	234	Ellis & Everard	269	.	3.6	17.9
115	87	European Mtr	110		5.1	12.0
417	364	Evans Halshaw	416		4.5	12.3
650	512	Farnell Electr	648	− 1	1.7	*
60	48	File Indmar	55	.	6.8	9.3
24½	15	Gardiner	22	...	4.5	10.1
29½	16	Glencheraton	25½			28.1
80	61	Gowrings	73	− 2	3.8	14.0
73	62	Hallin Hldgs	67		1.9	12.8
172	148	Harris (Philip)	164	.	5.2	14.4
438	258	Henlys	438	+ 9	2.4	20.3
99	81	Holders Tech	98		7.7	29.4
129	88	ISA Intl	121	− 1	2.0	14.7
430	274	Inchcape	307	+ 9	6.1	11.6
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	65	.	...	14.8
167	142	Kwik-Fit	162	+ 2	3.4	16.0
373	277	Lex Service	369	− 2	4.7	19.6
195	164	Lookers	172		5.6	9.4
16	14	Malaya Grp	15½		3.2	36.9
8¼	5	Middlesex G 1	6½	.	1.0	*
435	330	Nortolk	370	.	0.8	16.5
155	78	Northamber	149	+ 5	1.1	63.3
155	147	PCT	147		6.5	*
266	225	Pendragon	262	.	3.9	15.2
161	123	Parry Grp	150	..	6.2	11.3
140	136	Quicks Group	140		4.9	13.3
171	160	REA	165		3.0	19.6
3¼	2½	Reece	2½			*
6½	2½	Ross Gp	5		5.0	
55	37½	SEP Ind	53½		2.8	17.6
59	38	TLS Range	55	+ 1	3.4	15.3
286	226	Time Products	255		4.5	*
239	151	Vardy (Reg)	226		2.9	16.9
270	240	Wholesale Ftgs	263		5.6	23.4
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13	..	4.8	7.3

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
19½	11½	Locker (T) A	19	− ½	2.6	.
38	29	ML Hdgs	37		2.9	12.8
26	19	MS Intl	21		8.9	12.7
161	137	Mang Bronze	149		3.8	12.8
451	378	McKechnie	440	+ 1	4.3	22.2
85	61	Meggitt	74	− ½	6.6	17.8
114	91½	Metalrax	111		4.1	18.2
131	129	Metsec	130		2.9	27.5
685	487	Molins	683		3.1	12.1
360	293	Morgan Cruc	346	− 1	4.7	17.1
253	178	Morris Ashby	251		3.1	18.1
42	32	Neepsend	40		3.9	20.1
70	48	Neotronics	53	− 2	4.1	14.4
45	31	Newman (L)	#31			
41½	13	OMI Intl	18½	− ½		

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	172	Bankers	196¾	+ ¾	2.5	.
44¾	32	Baring Em Eu	42	− ¼		...
339	300	Baring Tribne	332	+ 1	2.5	...
91	84½	Br Assets	90½		6.1	.
94½	83	Br Empire Sec	93½	+ ¼	1.3	...
35	25	Br Empire Wts	34			
222	194	Br Invt	221		2.9	*
101	74¾	Brazilian	78½	− ½	0.4	...
345	211	Brunner	240½	+ ½	2.9	
132½	120½	BZW Conv	128		7.6	
415	318	Candover	402	+ 2	3.8	..
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	40½		1.3	..
180	144	China & Eastern	174	...	2.5	...
186	161	Contl Assel	179	− 1	2.1	
80	76	Dartmoor Inv Inc	80	..	12.4	.

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
61½	54	Murray Euro	61	− ¼	0.7	.
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	13¼	+ ⅛		...
352	308	Murray Incm	351	+ 2	4.3	...
352	295	Murray Intl	346½	+ 4½	4.5	..
173	162½	Murray S/C DP	169¾			...
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	150			.
81	73½	Murray S/C Inct	78		17.4	.
3250	2900	Murray S/C Unit	3025	...	4.4	...
460	376	Murray Small	448	..	1.2	..
365	308	Murray Vent	384	.	4.8	...
19	16	Newmarket	18			
61	53	Nethrog Inct	60	...	9.9	*
79	61	Nethrog Cap	78			...
355	316	O'seas Inv Tst	346	.	1.2	...
199	156	O'seas Wts	180			...

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
281	174	Blenheim Grp	272	− 2	4.8	18.8
233	196	Border TV	220	...	2.4	18.3
358	343	[illegible]	343	...	4.6	22.8
290	242	B Sky B	285	+ 7½	...	53.7
150	126	CIA Gp	144	...	1.6	21.9
30	22½	Caledonian Med	29½			
468	343	Capital Radio	445	− 1	2.3	22.8
975	851	Carlton Comm	970	+ 6	2.8	15.0
100	85	City of Lon	100	+ 1	5.7	*
149	83	Conrad	104			17.3
1431¼	1334¾	Daily Mail	1340¾	...	1.6	22.7
1308¾	959¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1108¼	...	1.9	18.7
405	295	Dorling Kind	394	...	1.1	37.2
467½	385	EMAP	467	+ 4	2.6	21.0
789¾	584¾	Elsevier	730¼	+ 7		*

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
154	112	Brewin Dolphin	150	.	4.2	11.5
684	625	Caledonia	644	− 1	3.2	17.6
2400	2125	Camellia	2300	...	2.0	21.1
22½	16¼	Carlisle	17½		3.8	18.6
191	142	Cattles	180	...	4.0	15.9
35	21	Christie	31	..		46.4
17	13½	EFG	15	.	4.2	8.7
79	61	EFT Group	79	.	2.8	13.6
775	707	EFM	729	+ 1	4.7	14.9
188	152	Exco	154		4.9	7.8
87	57	First Nat Fin	85	..	2.2	54.3
185	161	Gartmore	176	..	3.9	14.7
378	255	Govett	288	.	6.8	4.5
1148	953	Henderson Ad	1053	− 2	5.5	*
225	182½	Invesco	221½	+ ½	2.7	19.4
49	43	Investment Co	46	..	6.3	*
231	200½	Ivory Sime	209½		4.5	16.3
246¼	196½	Jardine Strat	211	+ 3¼	4.3	7.0
144	93	Johnson Fry	99	...	2.5	5.5
183	131	Lon Forfaitng	181	− 1	6.4	15.7
141	116	Lon Scot Bk	139	+ 1	4.0	18.0
175	153	Man ED & F	172	+ 1	6.2	9.5
1143	953	M & G	1091	...	3.6	19.1
272	224	MAI	262	+ 2	3.7	13.2
106	88	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	98½	+ 1½	7.5	.
908	680	MAM	833	+ 16	3.9	
130	98	Nat Home Loan	108	− 1		3.7
1500	1150	Perpetual	1348		3.3	14.6
649¾	515	Provident	642	− 1	4.0	15.8
310	245	Rathbone Bs	304	...	3.7	*
28¼	24½	Rutland Tst	25¼	...	4.9	11.2
324	281	S & U	308	..	5.2	9.1
240	135	[illegible]	233		4.8	8.7
139	105	SJP Capital	117	− 1	3.4	*
489	410	Smith New Ct	438	+ 21	3.2	*
78	60	Towry Law	60	...	9.6	14.3
26	9	Trio Hldgs	9	.	1.4	14.8
26	21	Western Selectn	21	.	1.5	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	510	− 2	...	.
345	103	Cantab Pharma	133	− 5	...	..
308	233½	Celltech	309	+ 3½		..
144	92½	Chiroscience	141		.	..
52	31	Cortecs	51			
194	103	Fisons	187	+ 2	2.9	...
760	587	Glaxo Wellcome	750	+ 7	4.7	17.2
127	100	Grampian Hdg	125	...	5.8	16.0
264	162	Medeva	241	.	1.7	16.5
1½	¼	Premier Health	½			7.8
288	230	Quality Care	255		2.2	12.6
430	273	Scotia	421	+ 1		
569½	444	SmithKBeech	556	+ 13	2.9	16.5
541	416	SmithKline Ust	539	+ 15	3.0	16.0
1082	850	Wellcome	1073	..	2.7	23.1
1123	840	Zeneca	1081	+ 9	3.3	24.4

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
279	207	Frost Group	270	+ 5	2.9	22.3
59	46	Gieves	58		3.8	14.7
152	112	Goldsmiths Grp	146	− 2	2.6	13.2
637	508	GUS	633½	+ 2½	2.5	17.8
245	179	Hamleys	245	− 1	3.6	11.6
58	25	Harrogate Grp	56		2.7	15.1
175	142	Hse of Fraser	143	− 2	4.8	13.4
83	66	Hughes (TJ)	66		5.0	*
330	229	JJB Sports	330	+ 2	2.3	*
488	379	Kingfisher	455	+ 1	4.2	14.5
150	95	[illegible]	135	− 1	1.4	37.0
315	308	Liberty	350	...	3.4	31.7
305	184	Lloyds Chem	316	− 8	5.6	7.6
134	108	MFI	120	− 6½	4.5	15.0
436½	371	Marks Spencer	418	+ 5½	2.1	18.5
558	500	Menzies (John)	558		2.8	13.2
460	338	Moss Bros	460	...	3.3	15.4
346	252	Next	336	− 2	2.5	17.1
54	27	OEM	47			
96	88	Oliver (G)	92		1.4	14.4
290	243	[illegible]	280		5.0	*
93	73	Partridge Fine	73	...	5.7	8.2
155	107	QS Hldgs	135	..	4.8	45.9
19	7	Rhino Gp	15	− ½		
131	113	Rosebys	126	− 1	4.5	13.8
113½	95	Sears	105½	− 2	4.5	15.5
24	11½	Signet Group	13			
484	327½	Smith WH	344	− 2	5.7	17.7
888	638	Sotheby's	825		3.2	39.2
279	209	Storehouse	257	− 8	3.0	17.7
306	168	Stylo	188	+ 1	4.5	10.5
178	143	T & S Stores	177	+ 1	4.8	*
135	88	Tie Rack	123	− 1	2.3	12.8
4½	1	Upton & South	1½			
519	424	Vendome	510	− 3	2.3	23.2
35	24	WEW Group	25	− 1	3.5	21.7
67	57	Wld of Leather	57	...	3.3	12.1
181	155	Wyevale	181	+ 1	3.3	17.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	491	Allied Domecq	534	+ 2	5.5	12.6
454	390	Bulmer (HP)	448	+ 3	3.1	24.2
121	99	Burn Stewart	102	.	6.1	21.0
410	352	Grand Met	404	+ 8	4.5	18.3
498	404	Guinness	482	+ 8	3.6	15.2
445	337	Highland Dist	360	− 1	2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glen	186	− 3	0.9	45.1
710	600	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	685	+ 10	2.0	24.3
638	532	Matthew Clark	634		3.7	20.1
88	61	Merrydown W	75	+ 1	4.2	
174	129	Taunton Cider	164	...	5.1	12.7

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
114	95	IS Uk Smlr	111		3.2	..
137	119	Inv Cap	135	+ 1	4.8	
87	78	Inv Biotech	78	.	.	.
32	30	Inv Wts	30	.	.	.
149	122	INVESCO Korea	131	− 1		
96	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	92		8.0	
94	82	J Fry Euro U	83	+ 1	7.2	..
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	178	...		
116	99	Jupiter Intl Gth	114	...	3.7	.
227	194	Klnwt Chrt	225	+ 1	2.9	.
121	96½	Klnwt E Mkt	113½	..	.	.

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
375	330	Boosey Hwks	375	..	2.0	21.5
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2¾	..		
185	150	Bristol Scottsh	150		3.8	22.3
26½	12	Casket Plc	12	− 1½	11.5	6.7
261	248	Chrysalis	248	...		
89	70½	City Centre Rest	87	...	2.9	17.4
362	305	Compass Grp	360	+ 4	2.4	18.7
288	223	Eurocamp	230	− 1	5.7	10.3
250	118	Euro Disney	198	− 4	..	
165	93	Euro Leisure	118			
450	363½	Fairline Boats	410	− 5	5.2	16.5

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
123	110	Klnwt Eqt	125	+ 1		
81¼	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	79½	− ½	0.3	
27½	21½	Klnwt Euro Wts	24½	− ¼		
	74	Klnwt H Inct	88		11.4	.
249½	213	Klnwt O'seas	241	+ 2	1.6	..
131	111	Klnwt Smlr	130		2.1	
125½	71	Latin American	103½	+ ½		
846	719	Law Debenture	846	+ 4	3.0	.
105	91	Lazard H Inct	91		8.8	.
95	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	95	+ 1		
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	27½	..	16.6	
122	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	122	+ 1	3.7	
175	160	Lon St Lawrence	175	.	4.5	
90	78½	Lon Smaller Cos	88		4.5	
323	223	Lowland	323	+ 1	3.7	..
1387½	1125	[illegible]	1125		1.9	
618	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	613	+ 5		
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	134		24.2	
2905	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2905	+ 10		

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
124	105	First Choice	108	− 4	4.5	28.3
306	252	First Leisure	304	..	2.8	19.3
251½	224½	Forte	240	+ 5½	3.9	24.6
175	133	Friendly Hotels	136	− ½	6.2	17.4
616	476	Granada	614	+ 5	2.2	18.2
125	108	Groupe Chez Ger	125		0.8	17.3
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	27	− ½	7.4	..
135	96	Hornby	112	+ 3	5.6	21.0
209½	156¼	Jurys Hotel	208½		3.3	18.8
21	14½	Kunick	17½	− ¼	5.4	19.7
331	264	London Clubs	331	+ 5	5.1	*
187½	161	Ladbroke	179	+ ½	4.2	54.4
64	41	Magnolia	48	..	0.3	
163	122	Man Utd	163	+ 3	3.3	13.7
97¼	64¾	Mandarin Orntl	72	− 3¾	4.8	16.1
12½	9½	My Kinda Town	10¾	...	1.2	14.6
82	66	Northern	78	.	6.4	13.8
85	70	Pelican Gp	82		1.9	17.1
154	131	PizzaExpress	154		1.7	19.1

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84½	75	M&G Rec Zero Div	80½			
116	100	M Curie Euro	113	+ 1½	0.4	
140	119	M Curie Pac	134		0.1	
203	152	Majedie	202		3.2	
45	42	Malaysia	42			
276	241	Merchants	274½	+ 1½	5.2	
90	79¼	Mercury Euro Pvt	87¾	− ½	2.5	
37	27¾	Mercury Eur Wt	28½			
95	79	Mercury World	84½	+ 1½	1.0	
31	17½	Mercury Wld Wts	17½			
557	432	Monks Inv Tst	554	+ 3	1.7	
157	125	Morg Grn Inct	144		4.3	
53	40	Morg Wts	48	..		
85	48	Morg Lat Amer	61½	− 1		
49	20	Morg Wts	31½	− 1½		
122	104	Murray Ent	122		2.2	
38	22	Murray Em Wts	30	+ 1		
92	72	Murray Eng Eco	86	+ 1½		
40	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	29	..	..	

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
169	117	Tottenham Hot	137	− 1	0.9	14.2
183	161	VCI	176	...	3.0	12.5
156	129	Vardon	144	...	1.3	20.3
6½	2½	Wembley	2½	..		
135	96	Zetters Gp	114	..	10.4	8.9

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbot Mead	358	− 3	2.6	23.1
310	276	Adscene	294		3.0	18.4
29½	22	Aegis Gp	26½	.		10.6
7¼	1¼	Allied Radio	3	+ ¼		
13	11	BBB Design	11	.	..	30.4
215	155	Barbour Index	215	..	5.0	18.2
6½	4½	Bilsdale	4½	− ¼		
335	315	Black (A&C)	328	...	5.3	11.6

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
8965¾	6882¾	Royal Dtch Pt	7767½	− 18¼	4.5	14.8
4196¾	3218¾	Schlumberger	4043¾	+ 90¾	2.3	...
49	29	Scott Pickford	34	...	3.3	8.5
110	84	Seafield	109	+ 1		35.0
783½	687	Shell	757	− 4	4.5	16.8
4228¾	3234¾	Total	3678¾	− 246¾	4.1	*
12	6½	Villiers Grp	11¼			
254	221	Woodside	256	+ 1	1.4	
58	33	XCL	45			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	83	.	6.3	8.0
133	125	Baltic Plc	132	+ 1	2.8	7.1
78	48	Berry Brch Nat	48		6.6	13.9
162	148	[illegible]	161	+ 2		

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	[illegible]		10.20	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]		12.43	6.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]		13.41	6.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]		14.21	6.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]		12.53	6.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.62	6.98
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		7.03	7.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.14	7.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.98	7.19
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.51	7.37
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.92	7.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.27	7.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.30	7.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.89	7.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.03	7.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.63	7.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.85	7.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.09	7.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.71	7.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.62	7.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.39	7.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.41	7.86

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.60	7.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.93	7.82
[illegible]	117	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.73	7.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.16	7.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.36	7.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.93	8.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.03	8.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.98	8.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.94	8.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]		4.82	7.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.73	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	91	[illegible]	7.42	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.28	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.71	8.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.92	8.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.97	8.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.07	8.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.78	8.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.27	8.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.18	8.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	8.12
[illegible]	94	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.08	8.13

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.47	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.36	8.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.34	8.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	...	7.07	8.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.10	8.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.02	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.21	8.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.85	8.22

UNDATED

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.08	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.15	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%	[illegible]		8.30	

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
211	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.46	3.37
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.22	3.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.02	3.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.17	3.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.19	3.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.30	3.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.39	3.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.43	3.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.48	3.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50	3.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]		3.54	3.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.54	3.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	[illegible]	3.56	3.67

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Proteus deeper in red

Proteus International, the biotechnology and drug design company, fell deeper into the red yesterday with a £7.92 million loss, nearly 20 per cent more than for the previous year.

The company, which has seen its share price plunge 83 per cent from a high three years ago of 495p to yesterday's low of 86p, insisted it could break even by the end of the decade.

Fears that its cash will run out before it concludes significant deals have dogged the company. It has raised £13 million in two cash calls in the past 16 months.

Tinsley deal

Eliza Tinsley Group, the manufacturer and distributor of hardware products, is acquiring Kitchin Holdings, a supplier of tractor linkage systems, for about £3.6 million. Eliza Tinsley also reported taxable profits of £842,000 for the year ended March 31 (£801,000). The total dividend is held at 5.61p a share, with an unchanged final of 3.65p, due October 2.

LMS rises

London Merchant Securities, the property development and investment company, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £35.25 million (£22.28 million) in the year to March 31. The final dividend of 3.6p a share, due August 25, makes a total of 4.4p (4.2p).

Faupel steady

Faupel Trading Group, which imports textile goods, mainly from China, is maintaining the total dividend at 4.9p a share after reporting pre-tax profits of £1.09 million (£1.02 million) for the year to March 31. The final dividend is unchanged at 3.05p.

Payout back

Tinsley Robor, the packaging company, is restoring the final dividend after reporting taxable profits of £2.23 million (£450,000) in the year to March 31, in spite of restructuring provisions of £1 million. A final dividend of 1.167p a share makes a total of 1.5p.

Denby ahead

Strong exports helped to push up the interim pre-tax profits of Denby, the tableware group, by 19 per cent to £2.43 million. A maiden interim dividend of 1.15p is payable on September 4.

Frost fills up with Burmah's petrol stations for £83m

By Carl Mortished

FROST GROUP, the independent petrol retailer, has secured close to 5 per cent of the UK market for motor fuel with the acquisition of Burmah Castrol's UK petrol retailing operations for £83 million.

Frost, which owns 242 petrol stations trading under the Save brand, is raising £47 million in a rights issue to fund the purchase of 182 Burmah sites and a wholesaling business that supplies petrol to 807 dealers.

Shares in Frost rose to 273p from 265p in spite of the heavy one-for-three share issue, priced at 213p. James Frost, the chairman, said that the acquisition put the group in a unique position. "It makes us the fifth-largest player after Texaco," he said.

"It takes out of the market the only potential target for a competitor."

He forecast that the deal would enhance earnings in the current year and for the next four years before reorganisation costs.

The Burmah stations will be rebranded over the next two years at a cost of £15 million. Mr Frost said the business had suffered from an inconsistent pricing policy and a lack of incentives for licensees. Competition from supermarkets was not a new problem, he said. "In many respects, the hypermarkets are a bogy. We have been competing with them for 20 years."

Expansion on the Continent will be the group's next hurdle. Mr Frost said that the group would expand further by small acquisitions to achieve an ideal size of 500 company-owned sites and 500 dealer sites. "It will take us four to five years to achieve. By year three, I expect us to be looking at Northern Europe," he predicted.

After the acquisition, Frost will be supplying 7.3 per cent of all petrol stations in the UK. It will give the combined Frost and Burmah chains revenues of £774 million and net assets of £97 million and gearing of 51 per cent, which will remain at that level until the rebranding of the stations is completed.

Since the year end, Frost has continued to buy petrol stations and in addition to the Burmah deal, the group acquired a smaller package of 14 stations for £4.9 million cash.

The company said that in geographic terms, Burmah and Frost were a good fit with very little site-to-site competition. Burmah is strong in Scotland, Northern Ireland, London and the South East where Frost has few sites.

Burmah's profits from petrol retailing fell 22 per cent to £8 million last year because of competition from supermarket chains. Its shares rose 3p to 934p.

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Tape purchase: David Dunn, chief executive, left, and Harry Tuley of Scapa, which has bought a US business

Restructuring affects Scapa profits

RESTRUCTURING costs at Scapa Group, which makes specialist products for the paper and packaging industries, dragged down pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 nearly 5 per cent to £46.1 million (Christine Buckley writes).

Scapa, which has spent £5 million reorganising its production centres worldwide, announced the acquisition of Coating Sciences, a US specialist tapes business, for $43 million. In April, Scapa bought Renfrew Tape of Canada.

Scapa, which shed 130 jobs in the restructuring, is expecting the improved fortunes of papermakers to boost turnover. Harry Tuley, chairman, said: "After four or five years of struggle for papermakers, they are now increasing their profitability. This is leading through to cash flow."

Before restructuring costs, operating profit rose 5.8 per cent to £58.7 million. A final dividend, payable August 18, of 4.44p (4.23p) makes a total of 6.14p (5.8p).

Barclays to refund fees for errors

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS is to refund fees if it makes mistakes in the way it delivers international services to UK customers involved in international trade.

The bank believes it is the first to offer such compensation, and the scheme comes into place on July 17. Alex Jablonowski, the director for the international sector, said the size of refunds will vary depending on the transaction. One example he gave was of a £20 refund for mistakes in making payments.

Barclays is not offering similar compensation for mistakes made in domestic trade. Mr Jablonowski said that research had shown that banking mistakes in international trade was a factor for customers.

Midland started the ball rolling with personal customers, offering compensation for mistakes made when they switch accounts from another bank. TSB Factors, the TSB's factoring arm, has also started a scheme paying compensation for failure to meet its quality of service targets.

Warning hits Allders shares

By Sarah Bagnall

SHARES in Allders fell 18p to 219p yesterday after the retailer gave warning that profits from its department stores may decline unless consumer demand picks up over the summer.

John Pattisson, the chairman, said: "In recent weeks our department stores have experienced a deterioration in consumer demand and there is strong competition, especially in the heavy household merchandise areas in which we specialise."

Mr Pattison added: "If this continues through the summer, it will be difficult for Allders department stores to equal the excellent results of last year".

In contrast, prospects for Allders International, the international duty-free retailer, are promising. The business has its most important part of the trading year ahead of it.

The shares are still above the November 1993 flotation price of 170p, but have fallen from a high of 248p in January 1994. In December 1994, they reached a low of 199p. Allders was a buyout from Hanson in 1989.

Mr Pattisson's remarks came as he announced a 49 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £11.1 million to £16.5 million in the six months to March 31.

Profits were helped by £3.8 million of exceptional credits relating to uniform business rate rebates. Further modest refunds are expected in the second half. Sales rose 4 per cent to £371 million.

Underlying department store sales growth was 4.3 per cent while profits slipped £300,000 to £10.1 million, partly because of start-up costs. Duty-free sales rose slightly to £193.7 million while operating profits rose from £1.9 million to £3.5 million. The dividend, payable on August 24, was lifted from 2.2p to 2.4p. Earnings per share rose from 9.6p to 11.3p.

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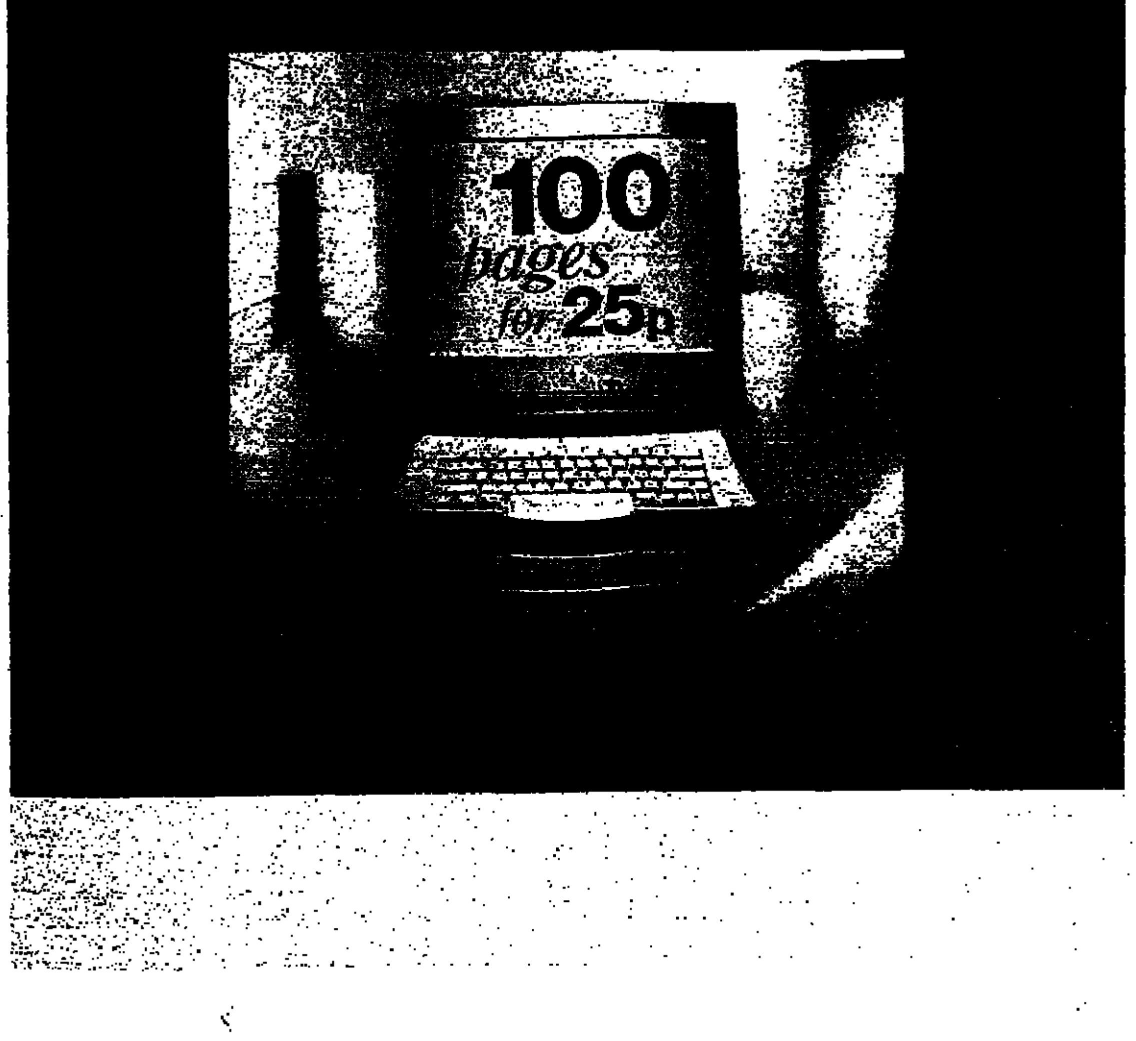

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UK Growth Inc	258.20	274.70†	- 0.40	3.00
Higher Inc Acc	707.60	752.80†	- 1.10	4.19
Higher Inc Inc	402.00	427.70†	- 0.60	4.19
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	192.60	203.40	- 1.20	5.78
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.99	98.01	- 0.56	5.76
Nth America	289.50	308.00†	+ 0.10	
Europe	289.40	307.90	- 0.80	0.88
Brit Exmpt	76.08	80.94†	- 0.15	3.12
Brit Fndmtls Acc	105.80	112.40	- 0.30	4.64
Brit Fndmtls Inc	75.75	80.53	- 0.19	4.64
Global Opps	87.48	93.07†	- 0.04	0.35
Balanced Acc	56.08	59.66	- 0.11	3.05
Balanced Inc	54.45	57.91	.	3.03
Japan Acc	42.22	44.92		.
Pac Basin Acc	367.20	390.70	- 1.20	0.82
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Gilts & Fixed Int	128.80	136.60†	- 0.40	7.32
High Inc Equity	165.50	177.00	- 1.00	4.45
Worldwide Bond	281.80	298.90†	- 1.70	4.35
Capital Growth				
American Growth	294.00	314.70	- 0.40	82
Asian Pacific	310.80	330.60	- 3.20	
Assets & Earnings	269.90	287.10†	- 2.00	2.73
Comdty & Energy	92.80	99.25	- 0.05	13
Euro Capital Inc	139.20	148.90	- 1.00	65
(Accum Units)	149.40	159.70	- 1.10	65
General	240.90	256.30	- 1.50	2.12
Japan	107.40	114.90	+ 0.40	...
Mastertrust	141.10	150.90	- 0.70	1.79
UK Growth Dist	118.00	126.20	- 0.50	3.05
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Income & Growth	393.30	418.40†	- 2.40	2.99
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ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£18.21	£18.56	+ 9.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	47.67	40.50	- 0.07	0.62
Cash	50.09	50.09†	+ 0.01	5.84
Emerging Mkts	68.45	72.55	- 0.22	0.05
European	116.50	121.80	- 0.50	
Exempt	993.40	£10.64	+ 4.80	1.75
Extra Income	46.68	50.09†	- 0.08	6.01
Far East Emg Eqs	118.00	125.00	- 0.10	0.50
Fixed Interest	22.54	23.66†	+ 0.08	8.74
Fund Inv Tst	167.50	176.20	- 0.30	8.83
Japan	171.00	179.50	+ 0.90	
Latin American	48.05	50.43	- 0.72	0.97
Pacific	75.20	79.41	- 0.12	0.33
Property Share	64.00	67.18	- 0.36	1.93
UK Emerging Cos	64.11	67.30	+ 0.26	1.84
UK Growth	45.38	48.11	- 0.06	2.44
Aber World Port	73.63	75.00†	- 0.21	2.19
Ethical	63.78	66.95†	- 0.06	2.63
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.56	49.56†	- 0.06	7.58
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	86.23	91.73	- 0.23	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	76.00	80.64	+ 0.01	2.63
Income Builder Inc	70.31	74.80†	- 0.27	2.95
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	241.70	258.30	+ 2.00	3.02
Capital	422.80	451.90	+ 2.80	1.83
Balanced	701.30	749.60†	+ 5.50	2.65
Accumulator	£13.21	£14.12	- 11.00	2.67
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.82	53.25	+ 0.55	3.34
High Income	408.10	436.20	+ 2.60	3.54
Equity Income	231.20	247.10	+ 1.60	3.37
High Yield	245.50	262.40†	+ 1.80	3.31
Govt Securities	33.50	35.36	+ 0.06	6.00
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	158.00	168.90	+ 2.40	0.41
European Growth	36.56	38.95	+ 0.27	0.01
International	158.20	169.10	+ 1.90	0.20
Japan	172.20	183.30	+ 2.30	0.01
Pacific	366.20	391.40	+ 1.60	0.01
Secs of America	452.60	481.50†	+ 7.00	0.48
Wwide Asset Val	47.84	51.14	+ 0.59	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	539.60	576.80†	- 4.00	2.21
Conv & Gilt	44.08	47.12	- 0.11	4.92
Smaller Cos	170.40	182.10	- 0.20	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	161.50	172.60	- 0.30	1.41
Recovery	142.00	151.70	+ 0.40	1.73
Met Min & Cdty	150.80	160.90†	+ 2.00	0.74
Oseas Earnings	360.90	385.30†	+ 2.30	1.75
Technology	178.40	190.70	- 3.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	479.30	512.30	+ 0.90	1.69
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cotrcld Ovl Pens	103.70	107.70	.	3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	62.38	65.43		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 800 0033				
Capital	73.59	78.29	+ 0.18	2.12
International	63.09	67.12		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	264.20	283.90	- 0.50	
Bond	114.70	120.70	- 0.60	6.82
Brit Smlr Cos	102.20	106.70		1.74
Conv & Gen	65.76	70.17†	+ 0.01	5.60
Europe	224.20	238.50	.	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	*102.70*	*187.70*	*- 0.40*	*0.60*
Income Gwth	339.70	361.40	+ 0.40	4.28
Japan	269.10	285.90	- 1.60	
Latin American	64.68	68.81	- 0.09	
Pacific	105.10	112.90	- 0.50	1.33
UK Smlr Cos	55.22	58.74	- 0.06	1.33
Japan Fd	571.50	588.50	- 2.00	.
Mngd Fd	176.10	187.10	+ 0.70	3.23
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	298.00	313.70		0.98
Capital Gwth	113.80	119.80		2.73
Wwide Opps	186.30	196.20		1.04
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	351.30	366.00	- 3.0	2.94
European Bd Inc	92.04	95.29	- 0.74	7.15
Exempt	73.80	78.92	- 0.47	4.34
Financial	76.69	82.02†	+ 0.01	2.79
500.0	444.70	480.70	- 0.90	2.61
General	277.40	297.00	- 1.90	2.89
Property	243.50	264.60†		6.38
Trustee	188.30	201.20	- 1.10	2.43
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80		5.43
Extra Income	120.80	129.20	- 0.30	4.12
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.54	59.47†	- 0.18	8.52
Income	535.10	572.30	- 2.40	3.98
Income Builder	63.55	67.61	- 0.26	4.72
Intl Income	63.42	67.47	- 0.36	3.51
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	120.60	128.60	- 0.80	2.57
Leisure	129.60	138.60	+ 0.10	1.48
Recovery	426.70	456.40	- 2.70	2.84
Smllr Cos Inc	45.24	48.52	- 0.16	2.31
Special Sits	289.10	309.20	- 1.0	1.69
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	131.90	140.00†	- 1.0	0.60
Aust Acc	223.50	237.70	- 1.30	2.16
Aust Inc	136.30	145.00†	- 0.80	2.16
Euro Gwth Inc	154.70	164.30	- 1.10	1.05
(Accum Units)	165.50	175.80	- 1.20	1.05
Japan & Gen Inc	149.20	158.00	- 0.50	
(Accum Units)	151.00	159.80	- 0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	68.47	72.54	- 0.09	
Unw Tech Inc	79.34	84.46	- 0.36	0.17
Worldwide	165.50	175.60	- 0.80	0.56
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	97.01	102.70	+ 0.30	
Amer Smllr Cos	137.70	147.10	+ 1.20	.
Convertibles	53.44	57.51	+ 0.03	5.70
Eastern	278.40	301.70	- 1.00	0.30
Equity Income	84.52	90.90	- 0.26	4.90
European Growth	307.50	328.00	- 1.00	0.80
Europe	225.80	239.60†		0.20
German Growth	77.09	81.72	- 0.12	0.50
Global Bond	64.02	67.35	- 0.18	6.30
Global Growth	124.40	132.50	+ 0.30	
Japan Growth	166.20	177.00	- 1.40	.
Japan Service	132.80	141.00	- 0.10	
Korea Trust	71.16	78.44	- 0.14	
Portfolio	131.10	140.40	- 0.40	2.10
(Accum Units)	241.20	258.40	- 0.70	2.10
UK Growth	84.74	90.87	- 0.19	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	80.87	88.33	- 0.16	1.80
Select Managers	75.90	31.34	- 0.18	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	73.80	78.51		
Special Oppor Inc	54.93	58.44		.
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	109.56	115.94	- 0.46	1.87
(Accum Units)	124.28	131.52	- 0.52	1.87
Smaller Cos	109.00	115.35†	+ 0.35	1.28
Higher Yield	45.98	48.65	- 0.16	4.39
American Gth Inc	73.88	78.18	- 0.87	
European Growth	134.85	142.70	- 0.51	0.26
(Accum Units)	137.50	145.51	- 0.52	0.26
Global Bond Inc	26.47	27.43†		7.14
Mngd Ptflo Inc	42.16	44.60	- 0.28	1.49
(Accum Units)	42.97	45.46	- 0.29	1.49
Int Spec Opps	116.24	123.01	- 0.44	..
Pacific Gth	127.71	135.14	- 0.94	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	77.45	81.96†	- 1.74	3.60
(Accum Units)	80.67	85.37	- 0.34	3.60
Japan	52.39	56.44	+ 0.33	
Gilt & Fixed Int	*96.64*	*100.14†*	*- 0.27*	*8.16*
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.39	66.22	- 0.06	6.39
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	158.80	169.00†	- 0.60	1.76
UK Growth	173.50	184.80	- 1.00	2.36
UK Income	133.50	142.10	- 0.80	4.44
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	191.70	203.20	- 0.30	1.95
-do- Income Dist	108.80	115.30†	- 0.30	4.34
(Accum Units)	335.40	355.00	- 0.50	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.48	42.91	- 0.26	6.34
Growth Units	204.60	218.80	- 1.30	2.28
Bond	172.50	181.70	- 0.50	8.47
Intl Growth	207.10	220.40	- 0.90	0.36
North American	195.10	207.90	- 1.30	0.43
Far East	272.10	291.00	- 2.50	1.28
UK Smaller Cos	177.70	190.10	- 0.40	1.71
European	83.01	86.29	- 0.67	0.35
Japanese Growth	43.16	45.97	- 0.06	
High Income	192.30	205.70	- 1.50	4.02
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	163.10	173.60	- 0.50	
European Inc	80.47	85.22	- 0.24	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.87	88.16	+ 0.09	1.98
Growth	431.40	459.00	- 0.30	2.21
Income & Growth	417.60	444.30	- 1.00	3.89
(Accum Units)	595.80	633.90	- 1.60	3.89
Japan & Gen	63.61	67.48	+ 0.29	
Master Portfolio	£100.63	£104.34	- 1.80	2.47
(Accum Units)	£120.68	£125.13	- 1.00	2.47
Special Sits	99.74	106.11	- 0.09	2.17
High Yield	£13.29	£13.71†	- 3.00	4.42
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.54	91.23		2.40
American Portfolio	94.65	100.95†		1.15
European Portfolio	99.04	105.35	...	0.63
Japanese Portfolio	58.00	61.59	- 0.02	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	136.76	147.06†	- 0.34	0.89
UK Inc & Growth	77.23	82.67		3.72
Utility & Bond	54.81	55.54		6.91
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	681.50	681.80	...	4.54
Fxd Int Sec	151.40	152.00	.	9.47
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	*65.19*	*69.35*	*- 0.12*	*2.87*
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	675.76	692.39	..	4.59
Accum	£29.04	£29.32	.	
Fixed Int Inc	124.95	125.23		9.18
Fixed Int Acc	201.55	202.06	..	.
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	110.24	120.87†		
UK Income	107.84	117.30†		5.08
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.07	89.83		2.74
Beck Bio-Tech	30.40	32.22†	+ 2.13	
Acorn Ethical Tst	147.83	156.73†		0.70
City Fin Assets	70.71	76.12	..	1.85
City Fin America	90.87	95.42	..	
City Fin Intl	77.42	82.86†		1.44
City Fin Japan	141.14	148.21	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	275.91	298.93		1.65
Friars Hse Inc	192.16	208.90†	..	4.04
Buckley Wrld Gth	122.59	129.94		
Falcon Cap Gth	133.47	142.09†	- 1.58	
Fairmount Intl	143.90	153.69†	- 2.46	.
J Sd Inc/Gth Inc	53.33	57.54†	- 0.67	4.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.45	58.83	- 0.54	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	62.76	67.12	- 0.21	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.85	39.41	+ 0.07	0.60
Dragon Growth	66.73	71.36	- 0.30	0.53
Equity High Inc	83.88	89.23†	- 0.35	4.04
(Accum Units)	114.92	122.25	- 0.49	4.04
Extra Income Inc	25.82	27.18	- 0.07	5.53
Extra Income Acc	26.13	27.50	- 0.08	5.53
European Gwth	52.72	56.09	- 0.17	1.19
Evergreen	27.72	29.65	+ 0.22	.
General Equity	86.47	91.75	- 0.04	2.84
Japan Growth	44.00	47.08	- 0.21	
Pedigree Gwth	52.46	56.81	- 0.09	2.80
Pxd Sm Cos Inc	30.66	32.62	+ 0.02	1.46
(Accum Units)	32.09	34.14	+ 0.03	1.46
Retirement Inc	26.12	27.79	- 0.10	5.51
Special Sits	38.32	40.77	- 0.04	2.17
UK & Overseas	48.86	51.98		1.32
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 890 000				
Capital	69.88	74.07	- 0.10	2.08
Income	63.39	67.20	- 0.15	4.00
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	159.77	169.97	- 0.41	5.15
Fixed & Convertible	39.55	42.07	+ 0.03	7.09
Monthly Inc Plus	47.25	50.27	- 0.10	8.91
Preference Share	45.09	47.97	- 0.01	7.84
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	123.01	130.86	- 0.41	6.21
Managed Fund	68.04	72.38	- 0.09	3.28
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.43	40.88	- 0.01	1.99
(Accum Units)	44.73	47.59	- 0.02	1.99
UK & General	81.42	86.62	- 0.11	2.95
(Accum Units)	103.20	109.79	- 0.15	2.95
UK Growth	149.98	159.53	- 0.13	2.54
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	193.37	205.71	- 0.35	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	*122.22*	*130.02*	*- 0.18*	.
Global Bond	79.28	84.25	- 0.04	6.13
Japan Growth	102.84	109.40	+ 0.78	
North Amer Gth	176.23	187.48	- 0.19	
Oriental Growth	76.47	81.35	- 0.39	0.07
Worldwide Growth	64.36	68.47	+ 0.04	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.31	92.31	+ 0.01	5.85
Homemaker Fund	79.11	84.16	- 0.19	1.79
Quilter Fund	131.18	139.55	- 0.24	2.32
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.34	33.58	- 0.30	3.31
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	148.90	158.50†	- 1.70	1.45
Income	69.06	73.47	- 0.36	4.66
European	62.74	66.75†	+ 0.29	0.86
Recovery	160.60	170.90		1.91
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	830.00	842.90†		3.66
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	78.05	83.03	+ 0.12	0.44
Income	242.90	258.40	- 0.50	4.50
(Accum Units)	*610.70*	*649.80*	*- 1.10*	*4.49*
Smaller Cos	168.30	179.00	+ 0.30	0.58
(Accum Units)	205.70	218.80	+ 0.40	0.58
Inv Portfolio	82.18	87.42	- 0.16	1.37
High Inc Port	71.05	75.58	- 0.11	4.59
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.59	£16.89	- 2.30	
Japan Small Cos	£10.20	£10.38	- 77.10	.
UK Small Cos	£18.01	£18.78	- 7.0	
US Small Cos	£16.79	£17.28	- 5.90	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	206.90	217.80†		2.93
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	280.40	296.30†	- 0.70	0.71
New Asia	214.50	228.40	- 1.00	0.15
Japan Growth	99.79	106.30	+ 1.50	
Jap Smllr Co	380.80	405.20	+ 0.10	
Nth Amer	279.30	296.00	- 2.60	0.80
Shtdd Asia Pac Mt #	.			
UK Inc & Gth	216.90	231.90	- 0.10	2.88
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	142.90	152.00†	- 0.80	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	152.10	161.80†	- 1.10	4.45
(Accum Units)	198.50	211.20†	- 1.40	4.45
UK Pref & F I Inc	*57.55*	*61.05†*	*- 0.22*	*5.14*
Environmtl Opps	87.97	93.58	- 0.12	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	52.97	56.35	+ 0.06	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 528				
American	129.80	137.80	- 0.30	1.27
Convertibles	20.53	21.81†		6.42
Equity Income	127.20	135.20	- 0.80	3.92
Eurofund	46.65	49.48	- 0.01	0.40
Financial	44.76	47.56	+ 0.16	1.58
Growth & Inc	242.39	257.40	+ 1.30	2.39
High Dist	156.40	166.20†	+ 0.40	4.51
International	383.80	407.60	- 0.70	0.12
Int Cap Inc	94.86	101.30	- 0.30	2.71
Latin American	26.78	28.45	- 0.39	
Pacific	79.93	84.93	+ 0.10	
Preference Share	21.73	23.09	+ 0.02	7.15
Tokyo	192.40	204.30	+ 0.70	
UK Smaller Cos	229.00	243.30†	+ 0.90	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ebor Trust	215.00	229.40	+ 0.62	0.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.10	- 2.50	0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	81.88	86.19†	+ 0.31	1.97
Ethical Tst	41.76	43.96	- 0.37	1.39
Far Eastern	289.79	305.04	- 2.56	1.97
High Income	131.42	138.34†	- 0.69	4.90
Intl Growth	117.14	123.30	+ 0.81	1.07
North American	116.11	122.22	- 1.82	1.34
Pelican	119.15	125.42	- 0.98	3.41
Smaller Cos	64.71	68.12†	- 0.05	2.83
Special Sits	87.03	91.61	+ 0.14	2.57
Tst of Inv Tsts	183.58	193.24	+ 0.39	1.87
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	189.08	196.96	- 11.31	1.54
Smaller Cos Acc	332.35	346.20	- 19.88	1.54
Recovery	47.10	49.06†	- 2.82	1.97
Recovery Acc	47.96	49.96†	- 2.87	1.97
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	110.53	117.58†	- 0.33	5.91
Capital Growth	83.87	89.94	- 0.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.56	47.53	- 0.10	0.61
High Income	41.63	44.61	- 0.19	10.31
Warrant	51.91	56.42	- 0.22	
Zero Preference	38.48	40.83†	+ 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	78.85	83.87	- 0.56	2.71
Family Income Tst	45.12	45.12	- 0.18	6.14
Family Trust	87.42	92.99	- 0.51	2.00
United Charities	266.30	283.20	- 2.20	4.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.31	27.43†	- 0.07	7.18
Intl Bond	29.81	30.94	- 0.02	4.64
Income Funds				
High Income	24.09	25.35†	- 0.06	4.78
Income Plus	110.10	117.10†	- 0.10	3.71
Amer Eq Inc	48.66	51.57	+ 0.04	1.72
European Income	43.67	46.44	- 0.17	1.21
Far East Inc	64.27	68.31†	+ 0.08	2.33
Global Convertible	22.33	23.82	- 0.01	3.19
UK Div Gth	*25.12*	*26.71*	*- 0.01*	*1.80*
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.41	69.78	+ 0.02	
American	260.50	276.10	+ 0.10	
Amer Spec Sits	124.90	133.30	+ 0.20	.
Japan Smaller Cos	31.23	33.32	- 0.21	
European	177.10	188.40	- 0.50	.
European Opps	63.86	67.91	- 0.17	.
Global Priv	26.39	28.06	+ 0.10	0.63
UK Growth	92.98	98.85	+ 0.05	
Growth & Inc	144.80	154.00	- 0.20	1.84
Intl PEP	37.62	40.01	- 0.01	...
Japan Spec Sits	77.17	82.23	- 0.35	...
Japan	165.80	176.40	.	
Managed Intl	277.10	295.00	+ 0.40	
Moneybuilder	52.86	58.27	- 0.02	
Recovery	47.49	50.50	- 0.05	.
South E Asia	154.90	165.30	- 1.60	.
Special Sits	518.80	551.70	- 0.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.72	109.72	+ 0.02	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2780				
Balanced	137.70	140.20	.	1.83
Inc Ptfolio	85.27	86.94†	- 0.21	3.42
Cap Ptflio	143.80	146.10	- 0.30	1.54
General Opps	122.80	124.40†	.	3.68
Growth Inc	30.87	31.53†		1.69
Private Portfolio	418.70	427.50	.	1.85
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	115.80	122.40	- 0.10	0.34
Emrg Asian	162.50	173.80	- 1.40	...
High Income	21.07	22.36†	- 0.06	10.06
UK Growth	108.40	116.00		1.05
UK Income	105.50	112.90†	- 0.10	3.74
US Smaller Cos	318.30	340.40	+ 1.30	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.41	80.35	- 0.43	3.45
Investment Trust	92.43	97.19	- 0.34	
UK Smaller Cos	83.73	88.04	+ 0.20	0.93

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	60.14	64.21	- 0.06	..
(Accum Units)	60.14	64.21	+ 0.06	.
Amer Smllr Cos	504.70	539.80	- 0.20	.
(Accum Units)	515.60	551.40	- 0.30	.
Capital Tst	312.70	332.60†	.	1.61
(Accum Units)	449.70	478.30†		1.61
Contl Smllr Cos	60.21	64.42†	- 0.02	0.56
(Accum Units)	63.55	68.00†	- 0.02	0.56
Convertible	127.20	136.30	...	5.87
(Accum Units)	*257.10*	*273.40*		*5.87*
Emerging Markets	65.41	69.88	- 0.43	0.23
(Accum Units)	65.48	69.95†	- 0.43	0.23
European	120.30	127.60†	- 0.50	0.15
(Accum Units)	126.40	134.10†	- 0.60	0.15
Extra Income	342.60	364.40	- 0.40	3.94
(Accum Units)	514.70	547.40	- 0.50	3.94
Financial	128.30	135.20†	- 0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	135.80	143.20†		0.30
Gilt Trust	62.37	65.35	- 0.62	6.84
(Accum Units)	90.92	93.75	- 0.89	6.84
Health Fund Inc	144.70	154.50†	- 0.90	.
(Accum Units)	144.70	154.50†	- 0.90	...
Income & Growth	192.80	205.10†	- 0.70	3.32
(Accum Units)	295.60	314.40†	- 1.20	3.32
Intl Growth	357.40	382.80†	+ 0.10	.
(Accum Units)	396.90	425.00†	.	
Japan & Gen	150.30	160.70	- 0.20	.
(Accum Units)	151.90	162.30	+ 0.20	..
Monthly Inc	165.20	175.60†	- 0.10	3.80
Managed Port Inc	104.10	109.60	- 0.10	1.73
(Accum Units)	111.80	117.70	- 0.10	1.73
Quarterly Income	52.58	58.44†	- 0.10	4.58
(Accum Units)	57.03	61.23†	- 0.11	4.58
Recovery	329.30	352.10	+ 0.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	387.60	414.40	+ 0.20	0.13
UK Growth	54.14	57.84†	- 0.09	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.42	61.35†	- 0.10	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.51	50.54	- 0.25	0.77
FP Am Smllr Cos	121.80	130.30	+ 0.30	0.0
FP Asian Growth	258.80	276.70†	- 1.10	0.0
FP Australian	305.30	327.50	- 2.30	0.0
FP Equity Dist	386.10	410.70†	- 2.40	2.88
-do- Accum	826.90	879.60†	- 5.10	2.88
FP Euro Gth	212.00	225.90	- 1.80	0.49
(Accum Units)	230.40	245.10	- 1.90	0.49
FP Intl Bond	57.94	61.27	- 0.42	5.18
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.31	98.20	- 0.37	0.71
-do- Accum	96.64	102.80	- 0.40	0.71
FP Pac Basin Acc	196.60	210.10	- 0.80	
FP Income	54.00	57.60†	- 0.14	5.23
(Accum Units)	178.10	189.90	- 0.60	5.23
FP Jap Smllr Cos	270.60	288.60	- 1.20	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.17	75.95†	- 0.18	5.84
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		6.25
FP Tokyo	78.59	83.82	+ 0.53	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.06	38.77		1.97
FP UK Growth	173.60	185.10	- 0.10	2.86
(Accum Units)	338.30	358.60	- 0.20	2.86
Stewardship Dist	341.50	363.20†	- 0.20	1.91
-do- Accum	421.60	448.50†	- 0.20	1.91
Stwdship Inc Dist	72.00	76.59†	- 0.14	3.53
-do- Accum	94.47	100.50†	- 0.20	3.53
N Am Stshp Dist	99.74	106.10	+ 0.20	0.79
-do- Accum	106.10	112.80	+ 0.30	0.79
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	107.90	114.70†	+ 0.50	1.0
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.30	117.20†	+ 0.10	0.22
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.30	112.00	- 0.20	2.33
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.90	114.70	+ 0.20	2.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.60	115.50	+ 0.20	2.89
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	111.30	118.30	+ 0.20	2.89
NM Unit Trusts				
Intnl	32.17	34.33†	+ 0.01	0.95
(Accum Units)	46.65	49.78	+ 0.01	0.95
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	241.20	255.09†	- 1.40	2.42
Cash	49.51	50.25†		5.30
Growth Portfolio	76.77	81.37	- 0.11	1.01
Income Portfolio	63.77	67.43†	- 0.32	4.57
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 5441				
Special Sits	192.60	206.00	- 1.10	1.66
Dividend	90.43	96.72	- 0.52	3.42
Int Gilt & Inc	223.70	239.30	- 0.20	3.17
UK & Gen	46.04	49.24	- 0.17	1.38
Fund of Funds	63.39	67.80	+ 0.20	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	198.00	211.80	- 0.70	
European	574.90	614.50	- 2.80	0.31
Far East & Gen	233.30	249.60	+ 1.00	..
Germany	119.30	126.40	+ 0.30	
Income Inc	153.90	164.60	+ 0.50	4.54
(Accum Units)	*166.30*	*177.90*	*+ 0.60*	*4.54*
International	304.00	325.20	+ 0.30	
Intl Income	81.19	86.12†	- 0.24	4.16
Japan & General	359.30	382.30	+ 1.30	
Korean Securities	61.45	65.73	- 0.33	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	44.87	47.99	- 0.14	5.00
UK Capital Inc	167.90	179.60	- 0.40	1.34
UK Capital Acc	293.50	313.90	- 0.90	1.34
UK Spec Sits	81.86	87.55	+ 0.37	0.70
US & General	145.00	154.20†	+ 0.70	..
Wwide Spec Sits	138.20	145.70	- 0.30	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	49.63	53.05	- 0.15	2.41
Cash Trust	*138.30*	*138.30†*	*+ 0.01*	*5.67*
Practical Inv Inc	115.42	123.44	- 0.32	3.20
(Accum Units)	263.86	282.20	- 0.75	3.20
UK Index	152.71	154.25	- 0.20	3.48
UK Smaller Cos	126.21	134.98	- 0.07	0.75
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.47	25.36	- 0.12	9.15
High Income	32.94	35.23†	- 0.01	5.17
UK Equity Income	135.69	145.12	+ 0.04	3.31
Global Bond	29.06	30.11		4.42
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.79	47.90	- 0.95	..
Global Inc & Gth	128.39	136.86	+ 0.09	1.88
Gold & Intl Res	97.78	104.58†	+ 0.02	.
Global Utilities	127.96	136.98†	- 0.54	1.53
Overseas Funds				
American	*150.41*	*160.25†*	*+ 0.63*	*1.17*
European	105.38	111.71	- 0.29	1.18
Euro Sel Opps	154.03	163.58	- 0.23	
Amer Emerging	109.45	117.06	+ 0.25	
Hong Kong	139.14	148.94	- 1.29	1.56
Japan	214.64	227.95	+ 1.49	
Pacific Growth	216.58	231.61†	- 0.99	1.39
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	218.79	218.79	+ 0.10	2.08
Long Term Bal	239.12	239.12	+ 0.01	3.16
Med Term Bal	203.39	203.39	- 0.41	3.49
UK Equity	250.75	250.75†	+ 0.77	2.64
UK Emerging Cos	145.86	145.86†	- 0.07	2.18
American	247.64	247.64	- 0.89	1.63
Japan	102.11	102.11	+ 0.09	
European	272.95	272.95	- 0.72	1.18
Index Linked Gilt	*175.38*	*175.38†*	*- 0.38*	*2.88*
Fixed Interest	161.72	161.72†	- 1.19	6.67
Amer Emergng	275.10	275.10	+ 0.86	
Pacific	232.51	232.51†	- 0.80	1.02
Emerging Mkts	119.52	119.52	- 0.91	0.51
Index Strat Japan	141.22	141.22	+ 0.97	0.37
-do- Pacific Rim	184.74	184.74	- 1.08	1.35
-do- Cont Europe	157.07	157.07	- 0.26	1.84
Index Stat USA	143.05	143.05	- 0.04	2.16
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	103.13	109.71	+ 0.05	.
Med Term Bal	95.67	101.78	- 1.39	.
Long Term Bal	105.86	112.62	- 0.02	.
UK Equity	115.83	123.22	+ 2.39	.
UK Emerging Cos	68.33	72.69	- 0.03	
American	114.66	121.98	- 0.44	.
Japan	48.92	52.04	+ 0.45	
European	113.46	120.71	- 0.32	.
Fixed Interest	81.71	86.93	- 0.64	
Index Linked Gilt	77.82	82.79	- 0.18	.
Deposit	81.54	86.74	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	116.10	123.50	+ 0.20	
Berkeley Income	112.20	119.40†	+ 0.20	4.40
BWH Intl	138.57	145.86	+ 0.03	0.58
Brctd Gilt Port Inc	67.47	64.88	+ 0.04	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.68	60.88†	+ 0.12	3.40
-do- Whole Port	52.83	55.76†	- 0.04	0.10
Stan Utilities	56.10	59.21†	- 0.33	2.67
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	548.32	583.32	- 5.34	1.71
(Accum Units)	609.84	648.77	- 5.93	1.71
European Inc	148.77	158.27	.	1.42
Amalgam Inc	144.29	152.80		
N America Inc	332.84	354.08	+ 0.54	
Far East Inc	331.81	352.99		
(Accum Units)	343.66	365.60	.	
UK Dvdd Inc	180.77	192.31		2.84
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	89.26	95.46	- 0.72	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.60	53.04	- 0.12	1.02
British Growth	56.05	59.94†	- 0.63	2.61
American Gwth	180.80	193.36	- 0.41	..
Japan Gwth	61.48	65.66	- 0.34	..
Greater China	177.14	189.44	- 2.40	.
Pacific Strategy	149.76	160.16	- 2.10	
European Gwth	88.73	94.44	- 0.45	0.29
Intl Growth	145.53	155.64	- 0.88	
US Index (£)	14.22	14.98	+ 0.09	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	76.24	81.53	- 0.18	2.48
Monthly Income	37.95	40.49†	- 0.22	8.60
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	17.34	11.97	- 0.15	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.80	93.41	- 4.45	1.84
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 528 9688				
European	494.40	528.20†	- 3.00	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	128.20	136.10	- 1.20	5.61
Growth Equity	336.00	358.90†	- 1.80	1.82
Income Trust	132.70	141.70	- 0.80	3.01
International	180.00	192.30	- 0.80	0.17
Japan Trust	118.00	126.00	- 0.60	
Nth American	274.18	292.80	- 1.60	0.13
Pacific	545.80	583.10	- 3.40	
Guardhill	508.30	543.00	- 2.50	1.78
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	98.64	103.45	- 0.31	7.48
Global High Inc	97.49	101.25	- 0.87	6.92
Prem Fixed Int	104.67	108.66	- 0.18	8.28
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.34	112.01	+ 0.18	5.07
European Growth	105.13	111.77	- 0.89	
Intl PEP Trust	61.10	64.96	- 0.38	
High Income	123.28	131.08†	- 0.50	3.96
-do- Accum	171.85	182.72	- 0.71	3.96
Recovery	378.30	400.20	- 1.10	1.77
(Accum Units)	437.70	465.40	- 1.40	1.77
St Vinc High Inc	122.12	129.86	- 0.35	7.13
UK Emerg Cos	245.90	261.40†	+ 12.10	2.94
UK Smlr Cos	345.30	351.40	- 15.20	2.42
Glob Priv Tst	94.51	100.49	- 0.74	0.94
(Accum Units)	95.39	101.42	- 0.74	0.94
Inc Share Tst	89.98	95.67†	- 0.11	8.32
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	27.28	28.90	+ 0.14	1.66
Growth Acc	27.26	28.90	+ 0.14	1.66
Income	26.84	28.46†	+ 0.11	3.54
Income Acc	27.25	28.89†	+ 0.12	3.54
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	208.00	220.70	- 0.40	2.48
Smaller Cos	31.56	33.57	- 0.22	1.13
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	307.43	328.94	- 0.74	1.58
Best of British	65.41	69.52†	- 0.05	2.92
UK Smaller Cos	125.36	134.74	- 0.03	1.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	280.70	298.93†	- 0.32	3.72
(Accum Units)	766.98	816.79	- 0.88	3.72
High Income	320.85	342.97†	- 0.53	4.16
Extra Income	278.94	296.65†	- 0.86	5.74
Pref & Bond	45.79	49.21†	.	8.91
International				
International	258.74	275.66	+ 0.32	0.43
Global Bond	53.02	56.25†	...	6.63
Intl Port Tst	82.01	87.70†	- 0.06	0.42
Global Tech	185.42	197.78†	- 0.62	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	176.90	189.16†	- 2.20	0.15
European	484.81	513.71†	- 1.94	1.35
European Income	84.25	89.25	- 0.30	2.59

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	153.92	165.15	- 0.49	0.90
Far Sp Sits	71.54	76.68	- 0.11	0.66
(Accum Units)	76.63	82.14	- 0.12	0.66
Japan Trust	171.31	182.64	+ 1.44	
Japan Special Sits	177.85	189.19	- 0.04	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	222.06	237.60	- 0.48	.
North American	244.11	259.76	- 0.41	0.47
American Smaller	111.05	118.71	+ 0.17	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 680 4355				
British	100.30	105.00†	- 0.30	2.23
Capital	175.20	183.40	- 0.40	1.64
Dollar	365.80	383.00†	+ 0.10	..
Enterprise Gth	336.20	352.00	- 0.10	1.70
European	233.30	244.30	- 0.90	0.95
Far East	315.90	330.70	- 0.60	0.47
Financial	842.20	881.80	+ 0.50	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.91	26.94	- 0.08	7.33
High Yield	103.10	107.90†	- 0.20	4.84
Income & Growth	143.90	150.60†	- 0.60	3.35
International	253.80	265.70	- 0.10	0.02
Japanese General	182.10	190.60	+ 0.90	
Japan Tech	72.06	75.44	+ 0.49	..
Ntl Resources	68.76	72.08	+ 0.18	
Portfolio	*71.75*	*75.13†*	*- 0.02*	*1.34*
Smaller Cos	131.80	138.00	- 0.10	1.55
Special Sits	153.20	160.40	+ 0.10	1.46
UK Emerging Cos	94.66	99.18	+ 0.13	0.99
US Smaller Cos	90.81	95.08†	- 0.31	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	102.70	109.60†	- 0.20	6.00
Capital	600.70	641.10	- 1.60	2.06
Income	573.20	611.70	- 3.50	5.65
Footsie Fund	55.47	55.75†	- 0.08	2.95
Trade Index	109.20	116.50	- 0.30	2.02
UK Index	142.60	152.20	- 0.30	3.11
International Funds				
American Growth	501.50	535.20	- 1.20	0.31
American Index	215.30	229.30	.	1.15
European Growth	114.00	121.50	- 0.48	0.26
Eurotrack 100	163.90	174.20	- 0.80	0.56
Global Bond	21.89	23.09	+ 0.01	5.55
Japan Growth	254.60	271.10	+ 1.80	...
Japan Index	75.38	80.66	+ 0.80	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	29.01	30.98	- 0.04	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.43	63.43	- 0.77	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	101.20	108.00	- 1.20	1.12
Spore & Mlysn Gth	79.13	84.45†	+ 0.49	..
Tiger Index	203.70	217.40	- 1.30	1.37
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.79	33.05	- 0.16	0.84
General Funds				
Managed	72.44	75.30†	- 0.12	1.25
Rupert Child Fnd	88.03	91.51	- 0.10	2.16
UK Growth	61.16	63.58†	- 0.12	2.27
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	84.02	87.34	- 0.33	6.52
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.68	27.51	- 0.10	7.81
UK Inc & Gwth	41.23	42.86	- 0.08	3.48
UK Income	339.10	352.50	- 1.60	4.98
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.43	52.30	- 0.02	0.16
Amer Smllr Cos	120.10	124.80	+ 0.50	
(Accum Units)	121.40	126.20	+ 0.50	..
Europe Gth	158.00	163.90	- 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	163.30	169.40	- 0.50	..
Euro Smaller Cos	29.45	30.61	- 0.07	
French Growth	79.59	82.73	- 0.11	0.46
Accum Units	85.38	88.75	- 0.12	0.48
H Kong & China	77.51	80.57	- 0.73	1.83
Intl Growth	57.78	60.06		0.54
(Accum Units)	58.26	60.56	- 0.01	0.54
Japan Gth	29.17	30.32†	+ 0.32	...
Accum Units	29.17	30.32†	+ 0.32	..
Japan Smaller Cos	30.88	32.10	- 0.41	.
Glob Emg Mkts	93.88	97.59	- 0.67	.
Accum Units	94.54	98.27	- 0.69	
SE Asia	321.50	334.20	- 2.40	0.14
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.12	57.63†	- 0.16	5.50
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	145.80	154.88	- 0.20	
Income	158.06	169.21	- 0.28	3.60
UK Growth	59.15	62.92	- 0.11	0.56
International	77.44	82.37	- 0.05	0.08
Ecology	82.53	87.79	+ 0.10	1.22
European	127.98	136.84	- 0.19	.
Far Eastern	286.50	304.70	- 0.30	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.67	52.84†	+ 0.22	7.95
Gilt Yield	115.40	121.70†	+ 0.10	6.40
Global Income	210.48	223.80†	+ 0.60	4.38
High Yield	139.40	148.38	+ 0.40	5.98

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	426.70	453.90	+ 1.20	5.98
Smllr Cos Div	51.86	55.17†	- 0.03	3.04
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	96.42	102.60	+ 0.30	
North American	81.48	86.68	- 0.10	0.27
European Special	115.50	122.90	- 0.40	0.12
European	157.20	167.28†	+ 0.30	0.46
(Accum Units)	207.10	220.30†	+ 0.30	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	105.20	111.90	- 0.50	1.07
Japan	361.30	384.40	+ 1.30	
Japanese Special	197.60	199.60	- 0.90	.
Master Access	236.20	251.30	- 0.30	0.55
Pacific	317.80	338.10		
(Accum Units)	372.70	396.50		
Smaller Cos	109.60	116.60†	- 0.10	1.28
UK Equity Growth	38.71	41.18	- 0.09	1.58
UK Index Inc	284.50	288.10		3.99
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	615.70	628.36	.	5.60
Intl & General	411.80	420.20	.	0.33
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	261.10	277.77†	- 0.08	5.45
Inc & Growth Inc	56.42	60.02	+ 0.17	4.52
Smaller Cos	57.46	61.13	+ 0.15	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	247.70	263.50†	.	1.98
High Income	108.90	115.80		4.31
International	96.94	103.10	.	0.65
Recovery Trust	66.70	70.95†	.	2.05
European Trust	82.43	87.69	.	1.03
Japanese Trust	38.68	41.14		
American Trust	92.37	98.26		0.02
Managed	67.32	71.61	...	0.76
Cash	50.42	50.42		4.64
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	377.80	404.10	- 0.50	2.53
UK Inc/Gth	407.90	436.30	- 0.50	3.16
UK Income	279.60	298.90†	- 0.70	3.95
UK Sml Cos	240.70	261.10	- 0.20	1.87
Euro Gwth	130.90	138.98	- 0.60	
N Amer Gwth	89.24	94.90	- 0.62	0.25
Japan Growth	59.34	63.14	- 0.01	.
Money Mkt	124.79	124.79	.	1.550
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	489.60	520.80	- 0.90	2.67
(Accum Units)	972.90	£10.35	- 2.00	2.67
Equity Income	101.19	107.60	- 0.40	3.79
UK Tactical Allctn	58.12	61.72†	- 0.18	3.72
European	122.00	129.80	- 0.30	1.09
Far Eastern	207.90	221.20	- 0.70	
Fixed Interest	51.71	56.00†	- 0.21	7.33
Gilt	88.87	94.24	- 0.54	6.54
Global Growth	71.98	76.57†	+ 0.09	0.67
Intl Bond	*53.64*	*57.02*	*- 0.73*	*4.82*
Japanese	63.78	67.85	+ 0.34	...
North American	153.30	163.10	.	1.10
Pacific Growth	111.20	118.30	- 0.49	0.42
UK Index	64.47	68.04	- 0.11	3.15
UK Recovery	94.00	100.00	- 0.20	1.87
UK Smaller Cos	125.80	133.80	...	1.49
US Index	64.64	67.59†	..	1.64
European Index	77.99	82.31	- 0.30	1.74
Japan Index	39.00	41.56†	+ 0.27	0.05
Worldwide	83.29	88.61†	- 0.05	1.67
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 392 627				
Growth	51.57	55.16	- 0.13	2.23
Income	59.12	63.57	+ 0.18	3.05
Far East	49.82	53.28	+ 0.14	13
North American	105.60	112.90	+ 0.70	0.0
Global	94.44	101.0	+ 0.10	0.36
European	89.82	96.06	- 0.18	0.73
Japan	94.95	101.60	+ 0.80	0.0
Intl Currency Bd	61.25	64.97	- 0.22	4.34
SE Asia	99.74	106.70	- 0.10	0.0
UK Cap Growth	94.06	100.60	- 0.40	1.60
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 399 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	346.60	368.80	- 2.10	2.88
-do- Acc	798.40	849.40	- 4.80	2.88
Contl Euro Gth	67.23	70.77	- 0.43	1.18
-do- Acc	71.84	75.63	- 0.46	1.18
Extra Inc	256.50	272.90†	- 1.50	4.09
-do- Acc	678.20	721.50	- 3.90	4.09
FTSE 100 Inc	103.60	110.30	- 0.80	3.14
FTSE 100 Acc	103.60	110.30	- 0.80	3.14
German Gth	134.10	141.23	- 0.50	
-do- Acc	140.60	148.00	- 0.70	..
Growth Port	554.00	589.40	- 2.70	0.27
-do- Acc	563.30	599.30	- 2.70	0.27
H: Reserve Inc	103.10	109.70†	- 0.50	6.73
Hi Reserve Acc	104.40	111.10	- 0.50	6.73
Income	497.30	529.10	+ 3.70	3.62
-do- Acc	£13.59	£14.46	+ 9.00	3.62
Income Port	520.70	554.00	- 2.50	3.89

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	567.10	592.70	- 2.90	3.89
Japan Growth	94.48	100.60	+ 0.50	.
-do- Acc	94.81	100.90	+ 0.50	.
Master Trust	59.39	63.19	+ 0.39	1.38
-do- Acc	66.30	70.54	+ 0.43	1.38
N American Gen	187.00	199.00	- 1.30	..
-do- Acc	216.00	229.80	- 1.40	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	144.30	153.60	...	...
-do- Acc	147.30	156.80	.	
Pacific Basin	252.70	268.90	- 2.00	0.48
-do- Acc	368.50	395.70	- 2.80	0.48
Small Cos Rec	374.80	394.40	- 0.49	1.98
-do- Acc	505.60	532.30	- 0.98	1.98
UK Growth	88.06	93.89	- 0.43	2.53
-do- Acc	107.00	113.90	- 0.50	2.53
Worldwide Gth	311.20	331.10	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc	459.00	488.30	- 2.70	..
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	68.51	73.50	- 0.30	0.10
General	88.15	94.59†	- 0.58	2.40
Income	66.19	71.82	- 0.37	5.40
International	62.85	67.43†	- 0.22	0.48
Japan	50.84	54.55	+ 0.21	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.75	72.89	- 0.37	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	408.80	431.50	- 2.10	0.51
(Accum Units)	508.30	537.60	- 2.70	0.51
Amer Recovery	482.30	510.00†	- 1.40	0.39
(Accum Units)	564.20	588.00†	- 1.80	0.39
Amer Smllr Cos	131.80	139.40	- 0.80	
(Accum Units)	134.60	142.40	- 0.80	...
Australasian	141.20	149.30	- 0.40	2.17
(Accum Units)	172.80	182.60	- 0.50	2.17
Capital	850.10	899.00	- 3.40	2.69
(Accum Units)	975.40	£10.31	- 3.90	2.69
Charifund	702.60	769.70	- 3.20	5.65
(Accum Units)	£23.38	£23.71	- 15.90	5.65
Commodity	377.90	398.60	+ 0.40	0.55
(Accum Units)	554.80	586.60	+ 0.50	0.55
Compound Grth	970.80	£10.26	- 3.40	3.07
(Accum Units)	£10.31	£10.90	- 3.50	3.07
Dividend	41.40	43.80†	- 0.10	4.34
(Accum Units)	176.50	186.70†	- 0.70	4.34
Equity Income	348.90	369.00	- 0.80	4.84
(Accum Units)	453.20	479.40	- 1.00	4.84
Euro & General	522.10	552.10	+ 0.40	1.18
(Accum Units)	660.40	698.40	+ 0.60	1.16
Euro Dividend	73.80	78.60	- 0.40	3.72
(Accum Units)	88.88	94.00	- 0.30	3.72
Extra Yield	422.90	447.20	- 2.20	4.98
(Accum Units)	£13.38	£14.13	- 7.30	4.98
Far Eastern	341.50	361.10	- 1.30	0.84
(Accum Units)	453.30	479.30	- 1.80	0.84
Fund of Inv Tsts	620.00	655.70†	- 2.70	2.03
(Accum Units)	£11.69	£12.37†	- 5.20	2.03
General	62.70	66.30	- 0.30	3.78
(Accum Units)	176.30	186.60	- 0.80	3.78
Gilt Income	60.37	60.47†	- 0.21	7.71
(Accum Units)	170.45	170.74†	- 0.58	7.71
Gold	61.50	65.00	+ 0.30	0.91
(Accum Units)	72.60	76.80	+ 0.30	0.81
High Income	28.80	30.50†	- 0.20	4.84
(Accum Units)	118.20	125.30†	- 0.80	4.84
Intl Growth	75.20	79.50	- 0.20	0.93
(Accum Units)	131.30	138.70	- 0.40	0.93
International Inc	99.00	104.70	- 0.50	4.64
(Accum Units)	149.00	157.60	- 0.90	4.64
Japan & Gen	38.00	40.20†		..
(Accum Units)	40.70	43.20†	..	...
Japan Smlr Cos	128.60	135.40	- 1.00	...
(Accum Units)	138.90	136.40	- 1.00	
Managed Income	27.90	29.30†	- 0.10	4.23
Midland	63.50	67.20	- 0.10	3.19
(Accum Units)	214.70	227.40	- 0.30	3.19
Pension Ex	988.30	994.40	- 4.80	4.25
Recovery	43.10	45.60	- 0.30	2.49
(Accum Units)	70.80	74.90	- 0.40	2.49
Second General	71.20	75.30	- 0.20	3.52
(Accum Units)	184.90	195.40	- 0.70	3.52
Smaller Cos	69.30	73.30	...	3.22
(Accum Units)	138.10	146.00	- 0.10	3.22
Sterling Hi Inc	24.98	25.08	- 0.10	8.37
Treasury	25.10	25.15†	+ 0.01	6.31
Trustee	42.08	44.40	- 0.20	4.35
(Accum Units)	172.08	182.00	- 0.80	4.35
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	84.36	89.74	- 0.10	1.45
Intl Bond	65.08	68.41†	- 0.36	5.35
Intl Equity Growth	72.68	77.20	+ 0.05	1.01
N Amer Growth	100.79	107.22	- 0.58	0.97
Special Sits-Growth	21.84	23.23	- 0.03	3.08
UK Growth	380.20	404.40	- 2.00	2.84
(Accum Units)	502.69	534.60	- 2.70	2.84
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.29	£13.56†	..	3.30
Income	£10.02	£10.17		4.69
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	140.70	144.40	..	4.16
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 068				
M & S Inv Ptflo	158.40	164.60		2.28
-do- Accum	180.00	189.50		2.20
UK Sel Ptflo	134.20	141.30		2.43
-do- Accum	157.98	166.20	.	2.43
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	68.94	74.40	- 1.37	3.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	71.86	76.20†	- 0.29	4.25
European	85.85	91.38	- 0.31	0.96
Income	74.44	79.02†	- 0.22	4.60
Nth American	66.92	71.04†	- 0.36	0.52
Far East	163.30	173.40†	- 0.10	...
Japan	51.09	54.24	+ 0.39	...
Emrging Mkts	89.32	95.53	- 0.62	
Intl Growth	108.80	115.50	+ 0.10	1.02
UK Growth	95.71	101.60	- 0.30	1.44
UK Smlr Co	47.89	50.84†	- 0.10	0.88
Asian Opps Fd	37.25	39.84†	- 0.14	0.33
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	426.11	453.31	- 0.92	3.94
Global Inc	68.85	73.24	- 0.17	2.83
Brit Leaders	363.84	387.06	- 0.25	2.31
Intl Leaders	205.77	218.90	+ 0.13	0.75
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.48	64.91	+ 0.07	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2800				
American	211.60	224.40	- 1.00	..
(Accum Units)	226.29	239.90	- 0.90	...
American Opps	94.90	101.20	.	
(Accum Units)	96.09	102.50	..	..
British Blue Chip	81.27	86.31	- 0.64	2.79
(Accum Units)	100.90	107.10	- 0.80	2.79
Cash	100.70	100.70	..	6.22
(Accum Units)*	139.90	139.90	...	6.22
Emerging Mkts	101.10	108.70†	+ 0.300	0.13
(Accum Units)	101.60	109.20†	+ 0.300	0.13
European Growth	259.20	274.30	- 1.60	0.16
(Accum Units)	279.50	295.70	- 2.00	0.16
European Income	86.51	91.45	- 0.39	3.14
(Accum Units)	116.50	123.10	- 0.50	3.14
General	511.90	544.80	- 3.80	2.27
(Accum Units)	1015	1080	- 7.00	2.27
Global Bond	128.80	135.30	- 0.60	5.11
(Accum Units)	158.80	166.80	- 0.70	5.11
Gold & General	188.70	202.90	- 0.80	0.44
(Accum Units)	193.50	208.10	- 1.80	0.44
Govt Securities	90.34	93.14†	- 0.43	5.89
(Accum Units)	180.10	185.70†	- 0.90	5.89
Income	155.30	165.10†	- 1.20	4.30
(Accum Units)	246.60	262.20†	- 2.00	4.30
Inc Portfolio	98.69	104.60	- 0.60	5.02
(Accum Units)	100.90	107.10	- 0.60	5.02
Intl Opps	461.00	491.50†	- 1.80	0.18
(Accum Units)	617.80	658.50†	- 2.40	0.18
Japan	*149.90*	*158.60*	*+ 0.500*	...
(Accum Units)	153.90	163.10	+ 0.600	..
New Europe	181.90	194.00	- 1.60	1.04
(Accum Units)	187.50	200.00	- 1.60	1.04
Pacific	114.50	122.30	- 1.10	0.84
(Accum Units)	122.50	130.70	- 1.20	0.84
Recovery	293.80	313.40†	- 0.40	0.83
(Accum Units)	377.80	403.00†	- 0.50	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	56.23	59.98	+ 0.050	0.86
(Accum Units)	63.65	67.89	+ 0.060	0.86
Portfolio	81.41	86.39	- 0.46	2.67
(Accum Units)	97.16	103.10	- 0.50	2.67
Managed Grth	99.86	104.30†	- 0.30	1.82
Managed Inc	104.90	108.80†	- 0.60	4.14
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	120.28	127.87†	- 0.67	0.84
Portfolio	67.77	72.10†	- 0.49	0.54
UK Income Inc	77.54	82.49	- 0.62	4.55
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	60.58	63.54	- 0.05	3.13
(Accum Units)	64.89	67.94	- 0.06	3.13
British Tst	86.65	90.73	- 0.29	1.94
(Accum Units)	101.70	106.40	- 0.40	1.94
Extra High Inc	68.63	71.88	- 0.06	6.44
(Accum Units)	134.20	140.50	- 0.10	6.44
FT-SE 100 Acc	57.04	59.72	- 0.08	2.76
FT-SE 100 Dist	56.15	58.80	- 0.08	2.76
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.28	56.40†	- 0.27	6.94
(Accum Units)	181.30	187.30†	- 0.80	6.94
High Yield	218.80	230.30	- 0.39	5.73
(Accum Units)	565.10	591.70	- 0.50	5.73
Income	289.30	302.90	- 0.99	3.63
(Accum Units)	638.30	668.30	- 1.80	3.63
Money Market UT	49.46	49.46	..	5.15
(Accum Units)	78.55	78.55	.	5.15
Monthly Income	65.75	69.79	- 0.12	6.03
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	106.10	112.90	- 0.30	1.74
European Growth	104.90	111.20	- 0.40	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.15	93.54	- 0.44	5.93
Income	86.78	92.32	- 0.22	2.77

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	47.46	50.33	+ 0.05	.
Managed	70.81	75.33	- 0.03	2.33
Money Market	88.16	93.45		4.30
North American	91.43	98.91	+ 0.99	0.45
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	96.35	102.50	- 0.30	1.72
European Growth	98.68	104.69	- 0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.04	89.17	- 0.41	5.89
Income	85.22	90.66	- 0.22	2.83
Japan Growth	47.42	50.39	+ 0.06	..
Managed	67.71	72.03	- 0.02	2.31
Money Market	*81.57*	*86.40*	*+ 0.07*	*4.25*
North American	83.06	88.04	+ 0.89	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.26	102.40	- 0.20	1.71
European Growth	96.36	102.10	- 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.61	81.29	- 0.39	5.67
Income	83.98	89.34	- 0.22	2.86
Japan Growth	48.44	51.35	+ 0.07	..
Managed	70.51	75.01	- 0.03	2.31
Money Market	75.68	80.22	...	4.34
North American	92.51	98.06	+ 0.99	0.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.22	14.01	..	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	364.70	387.20†	..	...
European Gth Inc	489.80	508.10	...	0.29
(Accum Units)	474.90	508.60	..	0.29
Intl Gwth	191.20	203.50	..	
UK Equity Inc	189.80	201.90	..	3.20
UK Ind Trckr Inc	165.40	176.90	...	2.85
(Accum Units)	196.30	209.80	..	2.85
US Eq Ind Tck Inc	214.30	227.10	..	1.19
Japan Tracker	70.63	74.69		..
Asian Tracker	213.00	230.10	..	0.29
Managed Inc	155.60	166.10†	..	1.38
Deposit Inc	99.78	99.78†	..	5.91
Exempt	186.50	198.60		..
Genesis	158.80	172.39	...	2.11
High Income	21.75	23.06	+ 0.06	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	96.66	98.70	- 0.44	2.59
Acumen Inc	80.49	92.40	- 0.41	2.58
Acumen Reserve	85.16	87.02	- 0.23	7.98
-do- Inc	72.83	79.55	- 0.20	7.98
American Growth	157.50	162.10	- 1.80	..
Cash Income	49.75	49.75†	+ 0.01	5.73
Equity Income	98.01	98.53†	- 0.56	4.86
European	71.86	73.35	- 0.65	0.28
Smaller Cos	81.09	84.86†	- 0.17	1.26
W'wide Eqty	64.55	68.11	- 0.43	0.52
Global Bond	44.32	44.63†	- 0.11	6.86
UK Growth	90.53	98.95	- 0.56	2.14
Pacific Growth	109.30	112.80	- 0.80	0.10
Japan Growth	84.25	85.65	+ 0.59	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	126.53	134.61	+ 0.62	2.67
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	74.40	79.15	- 0.02	2.25
UK Income	109.18	116.15†	- 0.30	3.83
Higher Income	210.11	223.52	- 0.47	4.50
Smaller Cos	82.69	87.97	+ 0.01	1.50
International	95.83	101.95†	- 0.18	1.98
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	105.80	112.60†	- 0.60	0.66
European Dist	117.20	124.70†	+ 0.40	...
Far East Dist	177.50	188.89	- 0.70	..
Global Care Dist	71.47	76.03†	- 0.13	1.97
Oseas Dist	£10.11	£10.76	+ 0.70	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.12	£13.96	+ 1.00	0.15
UK Dist	354.60	377.20†	- 0.70	2.84
(Accum Units)	703.80	748.70	- 1.40	2.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	79.67	84.76	- 0.12	4.18
Wwide Dist	106.30	113.10	+ 0.10	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	72.36	76.98	+ 0.03	2.88
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	66.10	69.76	+ 0.11	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	59.15	62.43	- 0.05	0.88
North America Inc	51.67	54.53†	- 0.07	0.49
UK Equity Gth Inc	58.93	62.19†	+ 0.02	2.01
(Accum Units)	61.91	65.34	+ 0.02	2.01
UK General Inc	58.59	61.84	- 0.07	2.43
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.24	49.74	- 0.14	7.86
UK Income Inc	57.92	61.13†	- 0.09	3.81
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0800 33 60 00				
Bond	117.92	125.22†	- 0.78	8.06
Bridge Fund	86.59	92.12		2.23
Distributor	94.14	100.15†	- 0.19	2.89
Foundation	95.34	101.42	- 0.16	2.49
General	185.41	197.25	- 0.47	1.82
Global	320.80	341.28	+ 0.51	0.38
Growth	126.74	134.84	- 0.10	2.52
Higher Income Inc	27.66	29.42	- 0.06	4.22
Income	230.82	245.56	- 0.82	3.32
Intrepid	116.79	123.74†	..	2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	37.77	40.30	- 0.11	0.28
Cash Income	50.19	50.19†		5.83
European Gwth	41.35	44.10	- 0.12	0.20
Intl Gwth	29.77	31.83	+ 0.02	0.43
Japan Gwth	23.60	25.24	+ 0.20	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.30	50.48†	- 0.15	2.30
Oriental Opps Inc	145.80	155.90	- 0.10	0.23
Property Shares	33.92	36.27†	+ 0.08	0.83
Smaller Cos	32.27	34.51	+ 0.08	1.27
UK Growth Tst	26.12	27.93†	- 0.07	2.88
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.88	77.94	- 0.19	1.76
Cap Hse UK Inc	68.96	73.75	- 0.16	2.78
Exempt (2)	29.84	30.78	..	1.76
German	51.98	55.51	- 0.14	...
High Income	73.44	78.54†	- 0.12	4.78
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.87
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90	..	1.87
Monthly Income	79.26	84.77	- 0.26	4.17
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2585				
Managed	99.32	105.10	...	2.15
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	123.83	130.35	- 0.23	1.68
UK Equity	142.59	150.08	- 0.19	3.02
UK Equity Income	134.67	141.76†	- 0.46	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	118.70	124.95	- 0.05	1.54
UK Equity Growth	133.54	140.57	- 0.21	2.26
UK Index Trckg	145.67	153.34	+ 1.92	3.73
Intl Index Trckg	146.25	153.95	+ 0.20	1.18
International	237.06	249.54	- 0.14	0.49
European	266.51	277.38	- 0.95	0.68
Pan European	138.16	145.43†	- 0.51	1.40
Nth American	182.24	191.83†	- 0.18	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	197.95	208.37	+ 0.29	.
Japanese	81.57	85.86†	+ 0.27	
Pacific	226.01	237.91†	+ 0.20	0.34
South East Asian	258.92	272.55	- 0.36	0.49
Intl Bond	*138.58*	*145.87*	*- 0.42*	*4.11*
Gilt & Convertible	106.09	111.67	- 0.68	6.65
Property	78.68	82.82†	+ 0.06	6.55
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	256.80	275.70†	- 0.70	0.70
(Accum Units)	271.80	291.80	- 0.60	0.70
Japan Inc	97.93	104.59	+ 0.30	..
Nth American Inc	113.30	121.40	+ 0.10	0.47
Worldwide Inc	155.40	167.10	-	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	139.90	150.20	- 1.80	1.69
Swiss Equities Inc	74.68	79.82	- 0.44	..
Wwide Bond Inc	63.39	67.07	- 0.19	4.69
Emrging Asia Inc	219.70	239.30	- 0.10	.
(Accum Units)	220.50	240.20	- 0.20	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.29	50.29†	+ 0.01	6.07
Thailand Inc	179.80	193.40	+ 1.00	1.00
Gold Trust Inc	69.31	75.02	+ 0.76	0.87
New Zealand Inc	92.91	99.76	- 0.24	1.88
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.56	67.24	- 0.09	1.89
Latin Am Corp Inc	55.50	59.91	- 0.50	.
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	60.02	64.41	- 0.06	2.87
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.67	79.88	- 0.09	...
Global Portfolio	67.43	72.12	+ 0.01	.
Global Opps	63.26	67.68	- 0.07	...
Marsh Global Gth	83.04	88.85	- 0.25	...
AAM Global Equity	53.96	57.19	+ 0.15	0.35
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	92.99	100.00	- 0.20	...
Temple Equity Inc	45.07	48.14	- 0.04	2.55
Hadley Growth	76.76	81.36	- 0.18	0.42
Intl Growth Inc	83.97	88.83	- 0.02	0.49
IPS Portfolio Inc	89.69	88.30	- 0.09	...
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.14	49.88†	+ 0.03	...
Premier Pastras Inc	66.66	71.28	+ 0.21	1.75
Roxburgh Stcr Gth	71.79	76.76	+ 0.28	
Tech Analysis	104.30	110.50	- 0.39	...
Rosebery Growth	43.75	47.20	- 0.55	0.88
International Strat	78.26	83.70	+ 0.29	..
UFC Ind-Act Gilt	54.09	58.38	+ 0.07	..
Coverdale Topgal	49.28	53.27	+ 0.06	
Prem Equity Inc	108.90	116.00†	- 0.49	0.70
Lowes Intl Growth	46.46	46.80	- 0.36	1.03
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	246.39	261.90†	- 1.80	2.67
(Accum Units)	526.79	560.30	- 3.90	2.67
Growth	158.10	168.40†	- 1.20	2.83
Income	242.79	258.20	- 1.40	3.86
Intl Equity	254.20	270.40	- 0.88	1.16
(Accum Units)	281.00	298.90	- 0.98	1.16
UK Income	67.69	72.00	- 0.41	3.39
UK Intl 25	81.84	87.06	- 0.49	2.33
New Europe	81.72	86.94	- 0.48	0.99
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	592.28	633.46	+ 5.26	0.53
(Accum Units)	592.89	634.11	+ 5.26	0.53
Income	374.58	400.63	+ 4.19	3.18
Wwide Recovery	385.29	411.98	+ 3.15	0.62
Amer Growth Inc	229.79	245.61	+ 3.11	0.01
(Accum Units)	229.78	245.61	+ 3.11	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	236.51	252.86	+ 0.74	0.06
Far Estn Gth Inc	267.23	285.81	+ 3.22	0.35
(Accum Units)	267.23	285.81	+ 3.22	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	150.62	160.45	+ 0.54	0.71
(Accum Units)	150.49	160.85	+ 0.54	0.71
UK Growth Inc	94.42	100.90	+ 0.87	2.68
(Accum Units)	99.33	106.24	+ 0.91	2.68
High Income	100.32	107.30	+ 1.01	3.81
Jap Gwth Inc	198.66	211.60	+ 2.98	0.01
(Accum Units)	198.68	211.89	+ 2.98	0.01
PEP Growth	119.97	128.32	+ 1.00	1.09
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	125.86	134.62	+ 0.59	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.86	134.62	+ 0.59	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	135.47	144.89	+ 2.02	0.01
(Accum Units)	135.47	144.89	+ 2.02	0.01
Global Bond	55.06	58.85	+ 0.21	5.52
UK Smaller Cos Inc	84.60	89.85	+ 0.64	1.57
(Accum Units)	87.28	93.35	+ 0.65	1.57
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	101.66	108.15†	+ 0.28	.
European	73.69	78.39	- 0.19	..
Global	61.12	65.02†	+ 0.09	...
Pacific	54.20	57.66†	+ 0.09	.
UK Inc & Gth	66.21	70.44	+ 0.06	1.80
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2560 548				
BW Director Dlgs	94.22	100.34	- 0.86	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	159.92	170.13	- 1.83	0.18
Emerg Mkts	45.72	48.38	- 0.19	
High Income	50.36	52.21†	- 0.28	8.47
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	63.07	68.65	- 0.08	2.58
Growth Income	64.66	68.56	- 0.11	2.30
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	*140.34*	*149.30*	*+ 1.13*	*1.73*
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	95.85	102.00	- 1.40	3.41
Conv & Gilt	111.30	118.40†	- 0.10	6.25
European Income	76.33	81.29	- 0.32	2.77
Extra Income	158.80	168.90	- 0.45	3.58
(Accum Units)	192.10	204.40	- 0.50	3.56
Far East	379.10	403.30	+ 2.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	386.30	410.90	+ 2.70	0.08
Global Income	26.10	27.76	- 0.08	4.30
High Income	118.70	126.30	- 1.40	3.34
(Accum Units)	144.10	153.30	- 1.70	3.34
International	194.40	206.80	- 0.80	0.87
(Accum Units)	200.30	213.10	- 0.80	0.87
Pref & Fxd Int	42.08	44.77	- 0.55	7.72
Recovery	72.88	77.53†	- 0.16	2.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	116.80	125.40†	+ 2.70	1.06
(Accum Units)	126.40	134.40	+ 2.90	1.06
Technology	465.90	495.70†	+ 2.80	...
UK Blue Chip	72.64	77.27	- 0.16	2.38
(Accum Units)	81.23	86.42	- 0.18	2.38
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	183.20	194.90	- 0.70	1.75
European Gth	101.80	108.10	- 0.80	1.08
Income & Gth	138.20	147.00	- 0.80	3.41
Japan Gth	98.28	104.60	...	
Nth Amer Gth	141.70	150.70	- 0.70	0.17
Overseas Gth	93.69	99.67	- 0.53	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	37.90	39.27	- 0.07	1.65
Cash Haven Inc	101.21	101.71†	+ 0.01	5.26
Cash Haven Acc	112.81	113.37†	+ 0.02	5.26
Dist Trust Inc	96.42	101.98	- 0.27	6.58
Dist Trust Acc	102.45	106.16	- 1.02	6.58
Global Growth	90.69	96.47	- 0.79	0.70
Equity Inc	82.87	88.35†	- 0.28	3.47
Equity	*745.09*	*792.69*	- 0.37	2.28
European	225.11	233.27†	- 0.63	0.81
High Income	88.41	94.05†	- 0.24	5.18
Intl Gth	188.89	200.84	- 0.31	0.68
Intl Sm Co	78.74	83.76	- 0.08	0.38
Japanese	193.20	200.20	- 0.40	...
Nth Amer	179.22	185.73†	- 0.71	1.42
Pacific Mkts	105.89	109.63	- 0.58	0.57
Premier Inc	46.97	50.02	- 0.18	8.70
Sm Cos	91.07	96.69†	- 0.06	1.57
Spec Sits	111.88	119.02	- 0.29	2.38
UK Growth	126.43	134.50	- 0.26	2.30
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	306.78	326.32	- 1.70	3.12
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	536.99	570.91	- 2.85	0.63
FA America (Acc)	627.90	667.45	- 3.33	0.63
FA UK Equity Inc	161.08	171.63†	- 0.79	3.33
FA Japan	235.69	250.35	+ 0.38	..
FA Major UK Cos	98.59	105.08†	- 0.80	2.27
FA Smlr UK Cos	298.24	322.50	- 0.91	1.27
FA European	335.18	356.12	- 1.54	0.49
FA Amer Smlr Cos	47.71	51.13	- 0.27	..
FA Asia	50.91	54.72	- 0.25	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	36.62	38.14	- 0.06	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.83	107.18	- 0.58	..
UK Smllr Cos	85.79	90.30	- 0.25	...
UK Income	99.76	105.00	- 0.48	...
America	107.92	113.59	- 0.57	..
Japanese	51.84	54.56	+ 0.06	.
European	107.78	113.44	- 0.49	.
Gilt	90.57	95.33	- 0.59	...
Deposit	84.96	89.43	+ 0.02	.
Managed	101.95	107.29	- 0.48	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.10	104.31	- 0.49	.
UK Smaller Cos	83.73	88.13	- 0.25	.
UK Income	97.38	102.38	- 0.47	..
America	104.97	110.49	- 0.55	...
Japanese	50.43	53.09	+ 0.09	...
European	104.94	110.45	- 0.49	..
Gilt	89.24	93.93	- 0.60	...
Deposit	81.09	85.26	+ 0.01	.
Managed	94.81	99.80	- 0.49	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	84.86	90.91	- 0.10	0.20
Pacific Basin	72.38	77.73	- 0.07	
High Inc Dist	139.20	149.60	- 0.60	4.38
Ryl Life Intl Cnvy	58.64	62.32	- 0.32	3.87
Ryl Life Intl Grth	66.76	71.19	- 0.32	0.026
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.88	65.82	- 0.16	.
UK Emerging Cos	125.40	135.50†	- 0.90	1.14
UK Index Trckg	168.30	178.30†	- 1.00	3.40
European	135.80	145.30	- 0.50	0.26
Managed	150.20	161.40	- 0.70	0.73
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	149.10	157.70	.	0.42
European Growth	117.70	124.40	.	1.02
Far East Growth	134.70	143.40	.	0.43
Japan Growth	123.30	131.00		...
Special Sits	200.40	213.10	..	1.30
UK Growth	80.47	85.60†		2.33
Trtns General	241.40	256.70	.	0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	160.60	169.90	- 0.10	0.71
Gr Euro Prog Inc	337.40	357.00	- 0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	524.50	555.00	- 0.10	0.30
Growth Inc	131.80	139.30	+ 0.60	0.60
(Accum Units)	134.10	141.90	+ 0.50	0.60
International Inc	336.60	356.20	+ 1.20	0.46
(Accum Units)	461.60	488.50	+ 1.60	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	321.20	339.90	- 0.70	0.35
UK Gen Prog Inc	229.60	242.90	+ 0.10	1.31
UK High Inc Inc	135.30	143.20	.	3.77
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	68.49	72.85	...	
Asian Gwth	112.64	119.82	..	0.76
European Gwth	70.98	75.51		1.99
Global Bd	59.45	62.80	...	5.80
Global Eq	57.67	61.34		0.50
Japan Sm Cos	52.72	58.08	...	..
UK Gwth	63.38	67.36	...	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.62	77.28	- 0.24	3.35
Amer Smlr Cos	122.20	130.80	+ 0.60	...
Asian Smaller Cos	41.40	44.04†	- 0.24	.
Capital Portfolio	127.50	135.60	- 1.0	2.49
Cash	127.90	127.90		5.73
China Dragon	58.26	61.96†	- 0.88	1.21
Commodity	124.60	132.60	+ 0.80	0.45
Eastern Discovery	89.58	95.21†	- 0.07	...
Emerging Mkts	38.49	40.95†	- 0.36	0.47
Energy Inds	133.80	142.30	+ 0.30	0.63
European Gwth	*192.70*	*205.00*	*- 0.70*	*0.07*
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.16	84.21	- 0.32	2.01
Euro Smlr Cos	55.77	59.33	- 0.12	
Extra Income	52.73	54.50†	- 0.22	5.73
Financial Secs	211.20	224.70	- 0.50	1.79
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.74	51.45	- 0.09	8.62
Gold & Exploration	76.35	81.22	+ 0.17	...
High Return	232.09	246.80	- 1.10	4.12
High Yield	232.20	247.00	- 1.10	3.61
Income	122.00	129.80	- 0.50	4.20
Intl Bond	170.40	180.00	- 0.50	5.26
ITU	208.70	222.00	- 1.10	1.17
Japan Growth	148.10	157.50	+ 0.60	..
Japan Smaller	143.30	152.40†	+ 0.10	..
Korea	58.73	62.46	- 0.60	...
Mastertrust	54.77	58.27†	- 0.17	1.39
Scotbits	323.40	344.60	+ 1.50	1.22
Scotshares	305.80	324.50†	+ 1.60	2.16
Scotyields	245.10	260.70	- 1.30	3.43
Select Intl	136.20	144.90	- 0.60	0.20
Smaller Cos Inc	247.00	262.80	- 0.50	3.74
SE Asia	53.88	57.32†	- 0.27	...
Special Situation	129.80	138.10†	- 0.60	0.85
UK Equity	254.20	270.40	- 1.20	2.78
UK Growth	66.61	70.85	- 0.28	1.86
UK & O'seas	167.80	177.70†	- 0.70	1.36
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.65	51.76	- 0.10	1.02
US Growth	156.30	166.30	- 0.50	0.42
Univ Growth	135.50	144.10	- 0.40	0.90
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 640				
Retail Funds				
American	266.97	283.44†	+ 3.22	0.86
(Accum Units)	291.88	309.83†	+ 3.83	0.86
European Gwth	78.12	82.98†	+ 0.23	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	81.90	87.25†	- 0.02	0.28
Far Eastern Gth	94.67	100.34	- 0.13	...
(Accum Units)	95.77	102.16	- 0.13	
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.69	54.49	+ 0.03	7.44
Global Bond	52.87	55.89	+ 0.03	6.99
(Accum Units)	57.12	59.02	+ 0.02	6.98
Global Emer Mkts	53.08	56.61	- 0.28	..
(Accum Units)	53.13	56.66	- 0.28	
Income	359.79	383.77	+ 1.85	5.07
(Accum Units)	£11.43	£12.20	+ 5.81	5.07
Japan Smlr Cos	414.36	442.00	- 2.52	...
(Accum Units)	415.21	442.86	- 2.53	...
Japan Enterprise	82.01	88.14	+ 0.54	...
Pacific Gwth	136.42	145.51	- 0.39	0.23
(Accum Units)	140.83	150.21	- 0.40	0.23
Portfolio	83.52	88.69	+ 0.41	2.10
(Accum Units)	90.59	96.72	+ 0.44	2.10
Seoul	44.84	48.29†	- 0.18	...
(Accum Units)	44.84	48.29†	- 0.18	...
Smaller Cos	216.82	230.40†	+ 0.21	1.31
Tokyo	115.50	123.20	+ 0.66	
(Accum Units)	116.67	124.44	+ 0.66	..
UK Enterprise	269.63	287.60	+ 1.54	2.69
(Accum Units)	323.45	345.02	+ 1.86	2.69
UK Equity	251.89	268.76	+ 1.39	2.74
(Accum Units)	489.54	522.29	+ 2.64	2.74
US Smlr Cos	171.49	182.82†	+ 2.20	...
(Accum Units)	49.68	51.74	+ 0.61	0.76
Institutional Funds				
European	247.42	257.03	- 1.99	1.39
(Accum Units)	275.49	286.18	- 2.21	1.39
Euro Smlr Cos	30.10	31.35†	- 0.06	1.88
(Accum Units)	31.89	33.31†	- 0.09	1.88
Global Equity Inc	78.79	82.07	- 0.15	0.91
Japan Smlr Cos	34.14	35.56	- 0.20	0.30
(Accum Units)	34.41	35.84	- 0.20	0.30
Mngd Balanced	193.23	201.28†	+ 0.05	2.89
(Accum Units)	220.51	229.70†	+ 0.06	2.89
Overseas Equity	191.93	199.92	- 0.78	1.13
(Accum Units)	198.72	207.00	- 0.81	1.13
Oseas Smlr Cos	122.82	127.93	- 0.55	0.81
(Accum Units)	128.46	133.81	- 0.57	0.81
Pacific	257.94	267.75	- 1.32	1.16
(Accum Units)	281.27	292.91	- 1.45	1.16
Recovery	£18.99	£19.78	+ 4.78	2.89
(Accum Units)	£20.66	£20.91	+ 5.06	2.89
UK Index	158.93	165.55†	- 0.90	3.55
(Accum Units)	196.20	204.36†	- 1.10	3.55
UK Small Cos	116.10	120.93	+ 0.13	2.76
(Accum Units)	124.48	129.67	+ 0.14	2.76
US Smlr Cos	48.78	50.81	+ 0.60	0.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.72	55.08	..	3.65
Equity Trust	63.77	67.92	...	3.16
Equity Strategy	75.09	79.88	...	1.78
European Opps	91.13	97.05	...	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	64.71	68.92		1.14
Mastrcon Inc	95.96	102.14	...	6.54
Japanese	66.96	71.31	..	...
Asia Pacific	121.23	129.11	...	1.43
American	108.29	115.33	...	0.98
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.43	31.43		5.865
UK General Inc	54.12	57.72	- 0.38	2.84
(Accum Units)	69.49	74.12	- 0.49	2.84
Intl Income	357.90	382.80	- 1.80	1.46
(Accum Units)	463.20	490.00	- 2.30	1.46
European	84.95	89.95	- 0.55	1.49
Japan	63.65	67.49	+ 0.03	0.35
American	72.21	76.49	- 0.39	1.80
Far East	*85.39*	*91.05*	*- 0.48*	*0.86*
Ethical Inc	30.91	33.08	- 0.02	2.07
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.14	37.58	- 0.22	3.07
High Inc Inc	36.56	38.08†	- 0.14	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.64	43.24	- 0.26	2.18
Wwide Tact	69.86	74.10	- 0.36	1.21
Europe 2000 Tact	55.42	58.68†	- 0.38	1.61
Technology	117.81	124.78	- 0.35	1.08
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
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UK Equity	400.90	428.08	- 0.80	2.84
American	278.10	295.20		0.53
Pacific	371.80	397.70	+ 0.80	0.84
European	578.30	618.50	- 1.00	1.39
Worldwide	89.57	95.80	- 0.28	0.87
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(Accum Units)	351.50	374.08†	...	2.20
UK Sir Co-Eq Inc	202.60	215.67†	...	1.92
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Select Opptnty Inc	69.98	74.63	..	2.02
Income Plus Inc	73.00	77.76	...	4.08
European Inc	360.70	383.60	..	1.18
(Accum Units)	407.50	433.60	...	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	176.40	187.70	..	0.90
(Accum Units)	201.80	214.70	...	0.90
Japanese Inc	87.45	91.12		
Nth American Inc	244.70	260.40	..	0.83
(Accum Units)	270.20	287.50	....	0.83

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(Accum Units)	273.70	291.20	- 0.60	3.71
Europe Inc	390.90	416.90	- 1.90	0.33
Nth Amer Inc	227.70	242.80	- 1.30	
Global Inc	205.79	219.40	- 1.10	0.35
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UK Spec Sits Inc	103.10	110.60	- 0.30	2.38
South East Asia	229.90	235.60	- 0.30	0.63
Cash Trust Inc	100.10	102.10		5.64
UK Smlr Cos Inc	106.90	114.00		2.06
(Accum Units)	109.30	116.60		2.06
Intl Bond Inc	95.69	101.60	- 0.40	5.89
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Social Recovery	144.80	152.10	+ 0.20	4.39
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Nth American	111.20	117.10	- 0.50	0.08
Intl Bond & Conv	123.10	129.60†	- 0.30	6.02
Pooled Pension (2)	194.30	208.90		2.15
Smaller Cos	78.25	82.37†	- 0.12	1.43
UK General	133.70	140.70†	- 0.60	1.96
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
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Global Bond‡	96.10	.	- 0.28	7.79
Investment Trust‡	101.50	.	- 0.20	1.37
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Samurai‡	45.07		+ 0.56	.
Sterling Reserve‡	100.00			6.10
UK Growth‡	99.29	.	+ 0.11	2.75
Tal Pent‡	100.58		- 0.40	..
UK Emerg Leaders‡	102.18	..	.	1.35
UK Equity Inc‡	100.08	..	+ 0.49	5.01
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
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American	322.29	341.00	+ 3.00	.
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Cash	101.04	101.04	+ 0.01	5.70
European	138.20	146.20†	- 1.60	1.88
Far Eastern	144.00	152.30	- 0.80	.
Growth	136.60	143.86	- 2.10	1.21
Income	128.90	136.40	.	5.77
Magnum	134.80	143.50	- 0.10	1.65
Smlr Secs	383.20	405.40	- 0.60	0.74
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Cash	49.82	50.31†	+ 0.01	5.20
Capital Protect	55.36	59.50	- 0.12	7.90
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European Growth	77.25	82.84†	- 0.12	2.90
Income	54.76	58.88†	- 0.10	6.18
Intl Growth	99.96	107.20†	+ 0.10	2.90
Managed	84.90	91.29	+ 0.03	3.70
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Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.61	32.59	- 0.10	6.09
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	316.10	343.09	- 3.20	1.73
Nth American Acc	46.89	49.83	- 0.60	0.53
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Japan	127.80	136.00	+ 0.40	
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Pacific Gth Port	48.25	51.60	- 0.04	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	220.56	233.46	+ 0.01	..
(Accum Units)	342.94	357.08	+ 0.01	.
Brit Growth	100.09	105.92	- 0.21	2.19
(Accum Units)	121.44	128.51	- 0.26	2.19
European	107.13	113.37	- 0.47	0.10
(Accum Units)	113.93	120.56	- 0.50	0.10
Extra Income	197.14	208.62	- 0.48	4.24
(Accum Units)	339.51	359.27	- 0.83	4.24
Smaller Cos	73.65	77.93	- 0.05	1.44
(Accum Units)	83.05	87.89	- 0.05	1.44
General	296.06	313.31	- 0.41	2.44
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Premier Income	49.79	51.87	- 0.08	6.78
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Income	336.50	356.08†	- 1.26	3.80
(Accum Units)	751.10	794.82†	- 2.81	3.80
Pacific	396.23	419.29†	- 0.63	.
(Accum Units)	416.34	440.57†	- 0.66	
International	535.42	566.58	- 0.75	.
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Environmental Inv	64.65	68.31	- 0.02	1.61
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High Income	65.14	68.99	- 0.15	4.67
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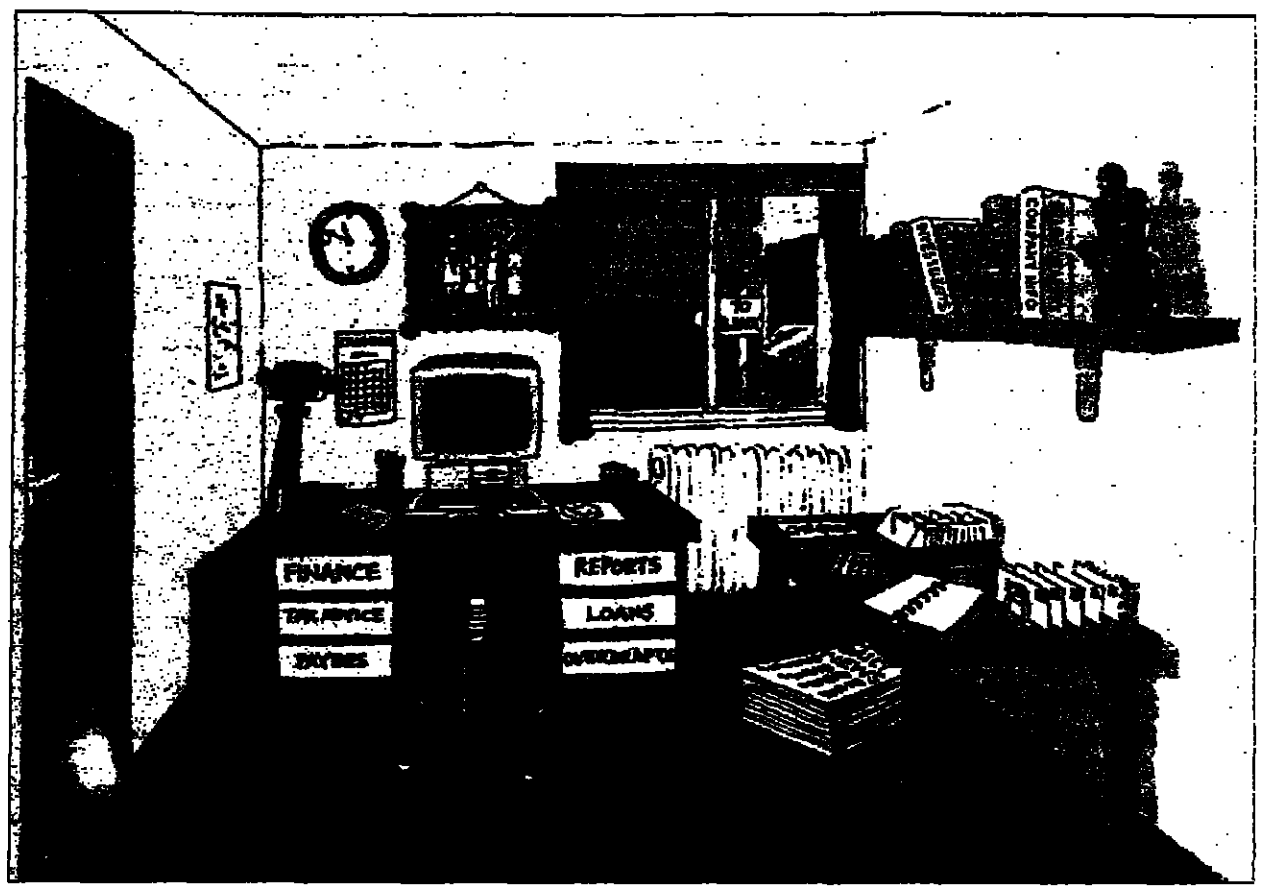
INFOTECH

Matthew May on the growth of the global network — and a challenge to telecom companies

Spreading the Internet wider



Banking in the virtual house from ICL (top) and a £200 virtual reality headset for the home coming this Christmas

Almost one in five people who have bought a personal computer in the past year have used the Internet global network. A third of the Internet's users are women and nearly four out of ten are over 35.

These are the surprising conclusions of a survey of 5,600 people in Britain conducted by National Opinion Polls (NOP). They fly in the face of conventional views about online services appealing largely to young men.

The survey says that 35 per cent of Internet users earn more than £25,000 a year, a quarter travel abroad on business and it predicts that a quarter of recent PC buyers will get wired up to the network over the next year.

"Our findings show that use of the Internet has been largely confined to a technically-minded business audience," Robert Lawson, a research executive with NOP, says. "However, with 6 per cent of individuals having bought a PC in the past 12 months, and the same number expecting to buy one over the next year, the information network looks poised to go mainstream."

If true, it could be music to the ears of the many companies preparing to do business offering their wares and services over the network. Feeding them frantically are the computer and telecommunications companies hoping that this could be a superb moneyspinner.

New books and courses on how to make money on the Internet are appearing every week. Yesterday, for example, saw the publication of *Marketing on the Internet*. It promises to provide readers with everything they need to know for conducting advertising, marketing and sales on the network.

Earlier this week, Motorola, the world's largest manufacturer of modems, joined the fray with the Internet Solution, a £200 package for consumers which includes the software, details and a discount on IBM's service for connecting to the network and the latest and fastest modem, which works at 28,800 bits per second.

There is also an Internet phone software package which can allow you to talk, in a fashion, to other Internet users with similar software.

The provision of phone software is particularly interesting. Though talking over the Internet is presently more like being a radio ham, if you are lucky the result can be a discussion with someone on the other side of the world for the price of a local phone call. The concept is bound to become more refined and may even make phone companies think about their charges for international calls.

It is a sign that the Internet is seen as being able to offer far more than its existing diet of written and pictorial "pages". Apple Computer is already testing a service on its E-world online service, called Speak, where users can listen to an online conference instead of watching a screen of scrolling messages.

The whole look of the Internet could also be in for a change. If the network is to become mainstream, screens of text — with or without graphics and pictures — may be ideal for much information such as online publications. But for some uses it may be not be the best way to entice users.

ICL, for example, has a more homely view of how the electronic world will develop. It has come up with a concept called Home Vision — which portrays the rooms of a virtual house. Point and click your mouse on a drawer in the study marked loans and you will be connected to those companies on the Internet offering suitable services. Point and click at wine bottles in the kitchen, or perhaps the cellar, and you can order a case of your favourite wine online. Point and click at a tray of post to get your e-mail and perhaps pay the electricity bill.

ICL is testing a virtual bank system with the Nationwide Building Society where, by touching a piggy bank, which of course then oinks, customers go into savings.

ICL's arch-rival in some areas is IBM. This week it beefed up the range of services it offers companies wanting to put information, services and products onto the Internet's World Wide Web pages. It also launched a "security laboratory" where, if requested, it will attempt to hack into a network to test its powers of protection.

But why not take it a stage further? IBM has also moved into the type of virtual reality where you put on a headset that presents computer graphics in three dimensions. Add a handset and you can pick up virtual objects as well. It gives you a far stronger impression of being inside a computer picture. Turn your head from side to side or up and down and the image moves to reflect your new angle.

We will be able to get the first public taste of this virtual reality, outside its use for games, at some Ford showrooms. It will be used to demonstrate the Ford Galaxy car, where customers will be able to select the colour of the upholstery, open and close virtual electric windows and be taken on an imaginary four-minute ride.

That may not seem much of an alternative to a real test drive but the virtual reality systems are seen as great crowd pullers. And what if you could do the same at home by connecting to the Internet?

Virtual reality systems such as IBM's, which are aimed at companies wanting to develop their own applications, are expensive, typically about £20,000. But far cheaper systems are on the way. This Christmas, Atari is planning to launch a $300 (£200) virtual reality headset in America for the home that will link to its Jaguar games machine. It will include a built-in microphone so that competing players can talk to each other. It should go on sale in Britain by next Easter.

Cheap headsets will improve while the capacity of phone lines and cable TV systems to carry computer information will increase. It is not a huge leap of the imagination to see the day when it will be quite feasible, and economic, to link up with the Internet via a virtual reality headset.

Further information on NOP's research is available on the World Wide Web from http://www.nopres.co.uk

Marketing on the Internet *by Jill Ellsworth and Matthew Ellsworth is published by John Wiley & Sons at £18.95.*

Handy device to end fraud

A security company claims it has developed a foolproof ID system

An identity system based on palm prints could wipe out social security benefits fraud and eradicate any need for personal identity cards, its developers claim.

Leighton Evans, a partner in Biometric Security Systems based in London, says the palm reading system, called BioDentity, uses a "signature" that cannot be forged and leaves behind hard evidence identifying would-be thieves and fraudsters.

One practical objection to identity cards is that, whichever system is chosen, it is unlikely to be beyond the ingenuity of conmen to get round. Mr Evans says: "Cards create a false sense of security."

As well as eliminating benefits fraud, Mr Evans says the system can prevent impersonation by people using stolen driving licences, credit cards and even help football clubs to put an end to hooliganism.

Palm prints are unchanged by ageing and unique to every individual, including identical twins. Even better, says Mr Evans, the details are sufficiently visible not to require expert analysis. Prints by impersonators can be spotted in seconds by children as young as three.

The concept may even be more palatable to civil rights groups fearing abuse of identity cards by the authorities, argues Mr Evans. Palm prints are of little use to police as the relevant body part, the middle of the right hand, is rarely imprinted at crime scenes.

For financial transactions, Mr Evans says an account holder's palm print could replace the written signature and be kept on a bank's computer database in digital form.

"Everything depends now on an electronic 'yes' or 'no', not always acceptable in court," Mr Evans says. "In this system the original document is hard evidence."

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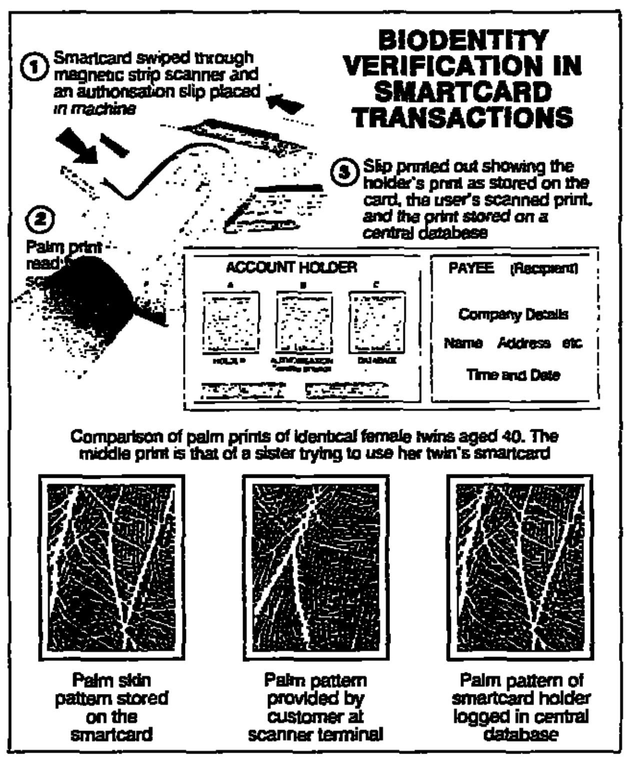
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Flat-out for colour television

FUJITSU is considering plans to launch mass production of 42in flat colour TV screens using plasma technology by 1997.

The screens can be used for huge, wall-hanging televisions. They trap gases such as helium, neon and xenon between two sheets of glass to produce ultraviolet rays which generate red, green and blue fluorescent light. Fujitsu has been producing 21in colour plasma screens since 1993 at its Akashi plant in western Japan, at a rate of about 20,000 units a year.

A telling machine

AT&T has developed a cash machine which can read handwritten and printed documents and display their image on the screen.

When a cheque is inserted, for example, the printed details are read automatically and any handwritten amount confirmed by the consumer through the machine's keypad.

The system can also confirm that the cheque has been signed and is capable of cashing certain cheques on the spot.

Power play

BOTH IBM and Apple Computer are to announce new PCs next week based on the fast Power PC chips they have developed jointly with Motorola. Power PC is an attempt to produce an alternative to Intel's domination of the PC market with machines that use 486 or Pentium chips.

This week Motorola and IBM announced two new Power PC chips which they claim are comparable to Intel's future successor to the Pentium, the P6.

Air time

TWENTY aircraft flying round Europe have now been fitted with Jetphones so that passengers can make phone calls in flight. The number of planes carrying the equipment for European flights will rise to 200 by the end of the year, and 600 by 1997.

In-flight calls costs £3.30 a minute and are billed to a passenger's creditcard statement. Jetphone says its phones will eventually incorporate fax, hotel reservations services and stock exchange information.

Investigation

IN ADDITION to investigating Microsoft's new online network, the US Justice Department is examining licensing agreements for new Windows software to see if they will unduly limit other companies from suing for patent infringement.

At issue is a provision in the licensing agreement for Windows 95, to be released on August 24, that would protect Microsoft, computer makers and others from patent infringement lawsuits involving the software.

Home help

FEW things would appear to have less in common than the Internet and thatched Japanese samurai cottages.

Entrepreneur Sadasuke Maeda plans to use one to promote and protect the other. Mr Maeda, president of the adult video maker and cosmetics importer Just & Just, says that Fujiyama, an Internet service to promote struggling handicrafts and tourism in traditional Japanese villages, will become available at the end of June at http://www.fujiyama.com.

Noteworthy

IBM's deal to buy Lotus Development for £2.2 billion could turn it into a far more effective competitor to Microsoft.

Lotus's key product is Notes, software that allows users to work and share information in groups over a network. Microsoft's equivalent Exchange has been fraught with product delays and has yet to be introduced.

IBM may be able to make Notes a standard because of its huge marketing muscle and its strong brand name.

Right to know

THE most prickly issue over widening the powers of the Europol agency, that will help the EU to fight drugs, organised crime and terrorism, is the right of individuals to access the data stored about them in Europol's computers. The solution suggested is that citizens would receive information according to their national legislation. Germany, Austria and The Netherlands give people the right, while the other 12 countries allow less freedom of information.

Update

IBM is updating its mainframe line just nine months after the last time it did so.

The company plans to start selling about a dozen new models in its System 390 series of big computers. They are run by processor chips that are manufactured on the same production lines that IBM uses for personal computer chips.

The new machines, about the size of a refrigerator rather than a bedroom, allow customers to add chips when they need more computing power, instead of having to buy a whole new machine.

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Find a job without looking

Search and selection, otherwise known as headhunting, can mean an unexpected offer of employment, writes **Jane Barber**

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Gary Pruce is looking for opportunities at the top end of the IT market

For many of us, finding a job is drudgery. First there is the curriculum vitae to update, and then there are the endless job advertisements to filter through. This can be followed by touting your skills, talents and experience to numerous agencies.

There is another side to recruitment — an alter-ego where you might take a clandestine call from a stranger offering you a package worth £90,000 followed by the tantalising question: "Are you interested?"

This is the world of search and selection, more commonly known as headhunting.

It is a growing approach for recruiting many of the top IT managers and directors and is a semi-secret world where confidentiality reigns.

The occasional headhunting deal does slip into the trade press. Perhaps most notable recently was the poaching of an IT director from a foreign international bank. A Japanese securities house managed to entice not only him, at a reputed salary of more than £200,000, but also more than 20 of his development team.

Most deals, however, remain a mystery. It is, after all, a business where discretion is the key.

Stephanie Twigg is the IT consultant at Grosvenor Stewart. "As a consultant you have to maintain a balance between assessing the candidate and enticing them to be interested in the job. If the interviewee is not suitable, then you want to start turning them off."

Ms Twigg remembers that one of her interviewees sent her flowers when he discovered that it was her birthday. "It seemed as though he was trying to bribe me," she says. Surely not. "At the end of the day, he didn't get the job."

A significant part of her role is to evaluate how well a candidate will fit into the client company's culture. "They may well have the business experience without the personality to fit in," she says.

Ms Twigg estimates that between 75 and 80 per cent of her placements come from repeat business. Like other headhunters she says her biggest irritation is being thought of as a recruitment agency. "There is a lot more to search and selection than just sending out speculative CVs," she says.

Once briefed for a particular vacancy, one headhunting company said it would typically draw up a list of between 30 and 40 potential companies where target candidates doing a job similar in experience and responsibilities to the vacancy might be found. The companies are likely to come from a number of sources including an in-house database and personal knowledge of the market.

This target list is put in order of priority and a top ten produced. A researcher phones the organisation to confirm the potential candidate's name and title, and will then make contact with the candidate with additional calls to brief the candidate about the job on offer. The headhunter will also obtain as much information about the candidate as possible. The next stage is to swap paper — the briefing document with full details of the job for the candidate's CV.

> ‘There isn't really any other way . . . .unless you happen to know someone’

Anything from a handful to perhaps 15 individuals may be invited for interview with a headhunter for each vacancy, before a shortlist is compiled. Psychometric tests evaluating both technical ability and personality might also be used.

A typical search lasts six to eight weeks from the brief being signed to someone being appointed, but it can be faster. If the client wishes to make an offer to a candidate, the consultant may act as liaison between the two, negotiating on, say, pay or conditions. But the candidate should always remember that the headhunter works for the employer.

Gary Pruce used to be IT services manager at Prudential until he took voluntary redundancy last March because he wanted a more challenging management position. He is presently going through the headhunting process.

Mr Pruce says he has been bolstered by the search and selection industry.

"They have a way of encouraging you in letters even if they don't want to speak to you." He also makes a clear differentiation between search and selection and recruitment agencies. "I've ignored that bottom end of the market," he says. "You get swamped with lower quality, typically contract jobs. Whereas I am looking for the reverse." His ideal job is either an IT manager or technical sales consultant.

As an employer who has used recruitment agencies, Mr Pruce says he understands why an employer would pay £30,000 to find senior staff. "Search and selection does appear to be easy money. However, if you want to get someone in quickly, the weeding-out is stringent — and there isn't really any other way — unless you happen to know someone."

Easy or not, the money is substantial. Headhunters typically take the equivalent of a third of the first year's salary, including bonuses and benefits, for their services.

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Barry Fox on the virtues of the multipurpose CD — one disc works for either audio, video or CD-Rom . . .

Music to the eyes and ears

Last year, Philips and Polygram pressed a test CD, *Pete Townshend Live*. It captured the guitarist-composer playing a medley of classics by The Who and his own solo material. If you put the disc in an ordinary CD player, it played the concert in audio only, but if you put the disc in an interactive CD-i player or a personal computer fitted with CD-Rom drive and a video decoder board, it played the same concert with VHS-quality pictures and sound.

At Christmas, Philips took the idea a stage further, mailing out a *Season's Greetings* CD recorded by the pop group, Boyz II Men. The disc delivered a sound-only version of *Silent Night* on an ordinary CD player; or a VHS-quality video version on a CD-i player or PC with video adaptor; or a poorer quality video version, in a small window of the screen of a PC without an adaptor.

The idea of a multipurpose CD is instantly appealing. One disc works either as an audio, video or CD-Rom disc, depending on what type of player is used. Shops need carry only one inventory and home users need no longer bother about which disc on the shelf plays on which machine. However, technical and commercial difficulties may conspire to stifle the idea.

If all the different variants of CD had been launched at the same time, it would be an easy trick, but CD audio was launched ten years ago and the variants have evolved along unforeseen paths. There are now hundreds of millions of CD audio players in homes around the world. The difficulty is in pressing a new multifunction disc that does not cause problems with any previous players. Furthermore, different audio players work in different ways.

CD players should automatically mute — that is, they should deliver no signal through their audio output — if the disc they are playing contains computer or video code instead of digitally-coded music. There is a good reason for this. If the CD player feeds undecoded data to the amplifier and loudspeakers, they reproduce it as a high-pitched, buzz-saw sound. This can very quickly damage the high frequency tweeters in the loudspeakers. Unfortunately, some CD players, even some modern models, fail to mute if they are loaded with a data CD.

There are several ways of tackling this. The Pete Townshend album simply contains the same programme material twice over; half an hour of audio at the beginning of the disc is followed by half an hour of video. Most audio players look no further than the audio recording and play it perfectly, ignoring the video that comes later. A video player skips the audio.

The more ambitious Christmas greetings disc starts with data tracks that guide video players and multimedia PCs to the programs they need. Although some CD audio players will obediently skip these tracks and go straight to the audio, others try to play the data tracks.

The latest idea is for a system called CD-Plus, which is backed by Microsoft and Apple. This relies on the fact that all CD players look for an electronic index on the disc when it is first loaded into the player.

The new generation of recordable CDs have two indexes. Computers and multimedia players read both indexes; audio CD players can read only the first. So audio players ignore anything listed by the second index.

A CD-Plus disc will thus list all the audio-only music tracks in the first index and list the computer and video tracks in the second index. Audio CD players should therefore never play the data tracks that can damage loudspeakers.

But there is still one major obstacle to selling multipurpose CDs. It is purely commercial. If an artist gets only one royalty payment per disc, regardless of how many different versions of the performance are included, then that artist will much prefer to see each version released on a separate disc; but if the artist demands a separate royalty for each performance on a single disc, the high price of the disc will scare off customers. This is why multipurpose CDs are usually labelled "demonstration disc only, not for sale".

There is another problem. Multimedia PCs are notoriously difficult to set up. They play some CD-Roms but not others. As soon as music stores start selling multi-purpose CDs, they will be obliged to help customers whose PCs refuse to play them.

MICHAEL PUTLAND

One size fits all — music from The Who is being used as a test for a new CD

Who else is listening in to your voicemail?

Dom Foulsham

reports on a cheap and easy way to hear about competitors' plans

Watch out. Those of us "lucky" enough to enjoy voicemail — the computerised answerphones of the Nineties — may have to think twice about leaving urgent messages.

Despite the increasing trend towards such electronic internal phone systems at all but the very smallest of businesses, most of us are blissfully unaware of a major opportunity for eavesdropping — phone-tapping by using little more than a £5 push-button telephone.

Called message-tapping, it means that somebody — anybody — might be listening. Voicemail systems can now provide each office extension with its own personal "virtual answering" service, instantly doing away with mechanical answerphones, unreliable office colleagues and the late-Eighties explosion in rape-seed-yellow fungal growths called Post-It notes that sprouted around the rim of a computer screen.

Now you can sit down, log on and surf through your digitally-recorded messages at the touch of the phone button. "Good morning, you have four new voice messages . . ." Whether you are at work or further afield, it doesn't matter: you can check your voicemail from anywhere in the world.

That is the problem. So can anyone else. The low cost and power of the all-digital company switchboards and computer-managed answerphones have brought with them increasing opportunities for the simplest means of corporate spying.

Voicemail systems require a short, numerical password before logging into your message box, so while most of us are delighted to have mastered the intricacies of the new office toy, it appears that few of us bother to change the initial manufacturer's password that — when delivered by the supplier — is usually the same as the phone extension whose voicemail it comes paired with.

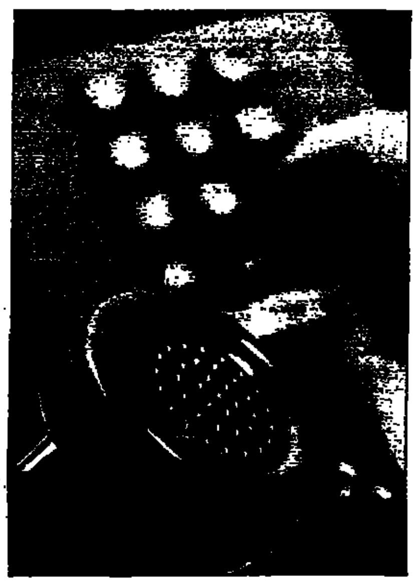
The situation is strikingly similar to the wave of Seventies and Eighties obvious computer passwords of "shazam", "open Sesame" and other classics. However, these days, breaking and entering requires no clever guesswork. Anyone who has used voicemail knows enough to check the voicemail of anyone else, anywhere, from any place. After a straw poll of a number of companies that use voicemail — including BT, the BBC, Channel 4 and IBM — many extensions still had the original password, the same as the phone extension number. MTV, a long-time user of voicemail, recently circulated a comprehensive staff memo recommending changing the manufacturer's password.

Furthermore, just like eavesdropping on other people's office electronic mail, logging into someone's voicemail leaves no electronic footprints. With unlimited, continuous and invisible access to the entire contents of certain employees' internal and external voicemail messages, it would not take more than a little button-pushing to build up a useful picture of how a company is doing.

Even under Britain's weak privacy laws, it is illegal to "listen-in to or intercept internal or external voice and/or data communications". Unless you are the boss, in which case it is, of course, perfectly legal.

He or she may check all your voicemail and e-mail and all regular post, including that marked "Private and Confidential". You cannot, however, do the same to your boss, legally. Yet the eavesdropper might, in fact, turn out to be the departmental boss. One recent American business survey claimed that more than 27 per cent of company bosses admitted to "regularly scanning employees' voicemails".

Armed only with a home touch-tone phone and a socially uneventful evening, the business of tracking other people's business could soon make mobile phone tapping look positively out of date.



Anybody could hear your messages

Voicemail is so increasingly prevalent, it underscores the difficult balance between security and the sheer complexity of the infotech revolution. Just like the new 1471 "caller identity" code (that reveals the number of the last person to call you), technology provides new opportunities to identify, quantify and scrutinise everyday life at a rate that is outpacing our ability to understand, let alone evaluate, such questionable benefits.

Just how many of us now remember — or even know — that we need to add three digits — 141 — in front of any telephone number we dial should we want to retain the anonymity we owned before the introduction of caller identification?

Voicemail-tapping is, at best, a bizarre hobby for the socially inept. In the world of the increasingly digital electronic office, careless talk — it would seem — costs 10p for three minutes. Sure, as the BT advertisements claim, it's good to talk — but, at least for the career-minded, it could be even better to listen.

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A dream come true for couch potatoes?

David Hewson reports on whether the serious side of multimedia has been forgotten in the rush to play games

Over the past year, multimedia has been transformed from a technological curiosity into an everyday standard for the way most consumers work with personal computers.

Just as no self-respecting car manufacturer would dream of selling a car without a radio, mainstream PC makers now naturally bundle their wares for the home and small business market with multimedia facilities such as sound cards and CD-Rom drives as standard equipment.

The enthusiasm with which the public has embraced the multimedia PC has taken some in the industry by surprise. For years companies have been predicting that the consumer PC market was on the verge of taking off. The arrival of multimedia has finally made it happen, and with a speed that left several hardware manufacturers fighting to keep sufficient stock on the shelves to meet demand.

Eighteen months ago few outside the PC industry had heard of CD-Roms. Last year, according to the analyst *Dataquest, sales of CD-Rom* disks more than tripled, rising from 16.5 million in 1993 to 53.9 million. Over the same period, the market for multimedia PCs quadrupled, up from 2.5 million units to 10.3 *million. By the end of the year*, few consumer PCs will not have multimedia. Now almost every conventional paper-based publisher is involved in some form of electronic media.

The sound and animated graphics made possible by multimedia are turning the PC into a consumer electronics item like a video camera or hi-fi system. In the process, CD-Rom titles are now sold in places that have never carried software before, such as music shops and conventional book stores.

But it is still supposition who the real winners will be, or what multimedia will finally mean in the home.

Certainly today's multimedia publishers, with a few exceptions, are not the ones who are reaping the rewards. Dataquest estimates that falling profit margins and growing competition mean that the average factory price of CD-*Rom titles to the trade* has sunk to a low of about £8 a copy. Two thirds of all CD-Roms produced are now included with a PC when they are first sold, cutting publishers out of more lucrative retail *business*.

The most immediate winners are the hardware manufacturers. Companies such as Compaq, Apple and Packard Bell have seen sales of consumer PCs soar on the back of this emerging market, and, for once, these home PCs are more sophisticated — and therefore more expensive — than the average business desktop.

The basic equipment needed for a multimedia PC — large memory, CD-Rom drive, sound card and a fast processor — now adds a premium of about 25 to 40 per cent to the price of a standard PC, making the going rate for a good basic machine today around £1,500.

This is a tidy sum, but one the computer makers must regard with mixed feelings. The emergence of the new consumer market has forced them to cut new low-margin deals with the high street retail trade.

Child's play: the enthusiasm for multimedia PCs has taken the industry by surprise

Few are making much money out of the consumer PC boom, and some, such as Dell, have largely retired from the fray to concentrate on the more stable and profitable business arena. A price of £1,500 holds other fears, too. It is double that of a similarly sought-after piece of home electronics, the video camera, and still out of the reach of many potential customers.

Some companies are starting to believe that the next generation of multimedia machines will more closely resemble games consoles, such as Sega or Nintendo, than the PC. Later this summer, Apple and the Japanese manufacturer Bandai will launch a CD-Rom player designed to bridge this gap.

Codenamed Pippin and costing under £500, *it* will play any Apple Macintosh CD-Rom title through an existing TV, and will have sockets for joysticks, modems and even control facilities for interactive video services. Pippin is designed to handle virtually everything except mainstream PC facilities such as word processing — the unit is controlled through a simple point and click unit much like those found on a games console. The idea is that it will have much of the power of a multimedia PC but without the complexity.

The success of cheaper consoles such as Pippin *will reveal* a few home truths about what customers really do with multimedia toys. Market research indicates that most multimedia PCs are bought by parents who have three primary requirements: they want something to help with their children's education, they want a machine that can handle home business tasks such as financial planning and they want something *able to* play games.

Unlike games consoles, the PC can excel at all three. But the nagging suspicion remains that most multimedia machines are, in reality, little more than expensive *substitutes* for a Sega or Nintendo, and that the more serious side of home computing is soon forgotten in the rush to get the latest copy of a software hit like the violent game *Doom*, one of today's most popular multimedia packages.

If all that is really wanted is a games computer which will also point and click around education and reference titles, machines such as Pippin could start to outsell what is traditionally thought of as a PC. The software is already starting quietly to hedge its bets. Many of the latest titles can be played without a keyboard and could transfer to a PC-based TV console given the right equipment.

Multimedia may be an exciting new medium for education, entertainment and art. Or it may be the ultimate toy for the couch potato.

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Hitting the high notes

All over the world, musicians are jamming together online

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In London, Tim Bran lays down a bass drum beat with a calypso feel. Sheldon Hatch in Toronto adds a shaker. In *Evanston, Illinois, Canton* Becker works out an edgy piano part; four chords in C minor. Matt Moller, sitting beside Becker, slips in a counter-melody, a spacy organ riff in a higher octave.

They are 'groovin' in cyberspace, online, thanks to Becker and Moller's invention enabling musicians to jam on the Internet. Their program permits musical collaborations undreamt of just months ago. An international "virtual *band" is already working on* an album that could challenge music industry conventions.

Moller and Becker are musicians and Internet surfers who found a way to combine their passions. Becker, a ponytailed senior in cognitive science at Northwestern University in Chicago, wrote a program two years ago that composed music for Internet users. Moller, a lanky graduate student in music technology, realised Becker's work could be applied to virtual communities, and the Distributed Real-Time Groove Network was born. It went online in April.

Their invention frees musicians from having to jam in the same room — or in any *room. Previous long-distance* musical collaborations, such as Frank Sinatra's duet albums or a transcontinental David Bowie-Mick Jagger performance at the 1985 Live Aid concert, required specialised technology.

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The players agree to meet at *a certain time* in a Groove Network "room" on the Internet. The room contains instruments, represented on the computer screen by the words "drum", "piano" or "guitar". A version using graphic icons is planned.

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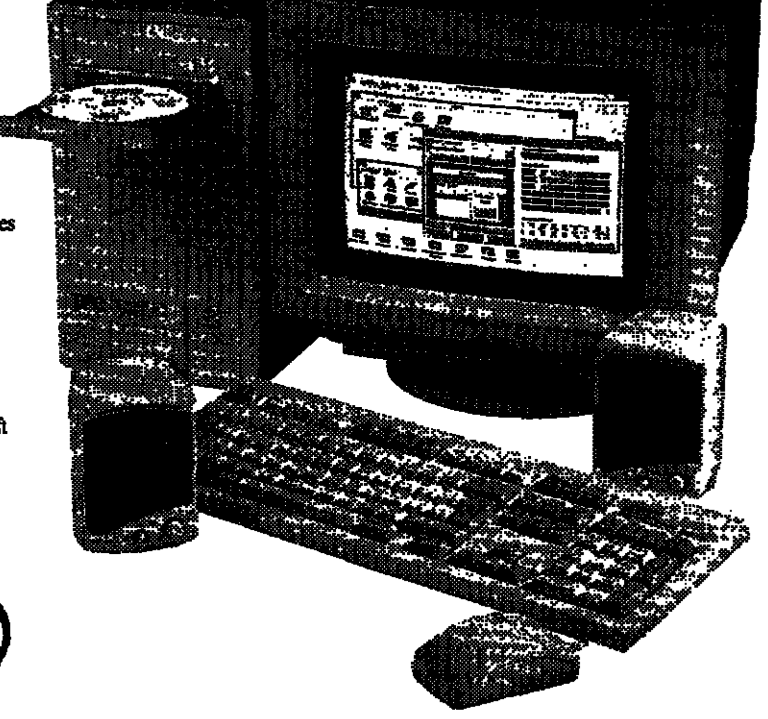

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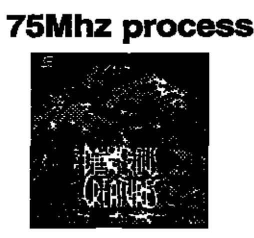
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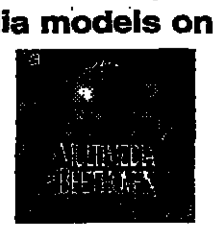
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Nick Cottam reveals how CD-Rom is bringing fact and fantasy to the home

Roaring action ...vivid history

Have you ever felt the urge to take a drink with Oliver Reed or to inspire a vocal blast from Brian Blessed? What about sharing a piece of the action with Luke Skywalker of *Star Wars* fame or helping to shape a new generation of Monty Python anarchy? All is possible when stars of the silver screen appear on your PC.

The Darkening, a science fiction epic which stars Oliver Reed and Brian Blessed among a cast of 50 actors, is presently being filmed at Pinewood Studios at Iver in Buckinghamshire. It is one of the new generation of interactive adventures for CD-Rom.

Part film, part computer game, *The Darkening* promises to give PC users a starring role in the action as they help hero Lev Arris to discover his identity after a ten-year spell in cryogenic storage. Whether or not Mr Blessed has his wicked way or Oliver Reed soaks up a significant share of the action is up to you.

The emergence of the CD-Rom drive as a standard feature on the home computer is bringing about a fresh approach to the field of electronic entertainment. It does not take much perception for a software house or film studio to recognise a potential mass market when it sees one.

All this should be good news for consumers, whose collective buying power is helping to improve product quality in all directions — not only in the adventure games market, but also in the wide variety of educational and reference materials available. You may not have the five feet of shelf space or the £1,450 needed to purchase a complete set of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, but you can now have the lot on CD-Rom for less than half that price.

However, the key issue when you purchase this computer version of the compact disc is to have some idea what you are likely to get for your money. In the case of the first version of *Britannica*, it is text and nothing else. "It was the only way we could fit the information on to one disk," Richard Wagstaffe, the company's business sales manager, says. But with a production like *The Darkening*, due for release early next year, expect the full gamut of multimedia — sound, moving pictures and an abundance of high quality graphics.

In between, the quality can vary from tedious acres of information and pictures slapped on to a convenient memory bank, to sparkling offerings such as the gourmet's *Bacchus and Comus* food and wine guide which, like more and more of its genre these days, has been made specifically for CD-Rom rather than starting life as a floppy disk or text book.

Predictably, many of the better titles are coming from the market leaders with serious money to invest. Electronic Arts, a Californian software company, spends several million dollars making a single title, while Microsoft, which markets its own CD-Roms, is also taking a 20 per cent stake in Dorling Kindersley, which produces some of the better titles such as the *Eyewitness Enclopedia of Nature* and the *Eyewitness History of the World*.

If you are nervous about going online or overloading the hard disk, the CD-Rom offers a self-contained alternative as either a body of knowledge or entertainment. These facilities are aimed both at children — who are seen as receptive users of any advance in computer software — and adults who, with products such as Microsoft's *Art Gallery* and *Cinemania*, can tentatively bridge the gap between computer technology and their own culture.

"The market has turned around dramatically this year," says Simon Jeffrey, vice-president of marketing with Virgin Entertainment. "It is now the thirty-somethings, rather than informed teenagers, who are browsing for CD-Roms."

Those same thirty-somethings are driving titles like *Dark Forces*, a *Star Wars* offshoot, and *Full Throttle*, a biker fantasy, up the CD-Rom charts. The buyers may not have the same technical knowledge as the younger games machine addict, but they can afford the average £40 to £50 that the latest CD-Roms cost. When it comes to seeing Butch and Sundance's water jump clip on a product like *Cinemania*, it helps to have plenty of good old-fashioned cinema experience.

If CD-Roms are becoming a standard feature of home computers, the same cannot yet be said for business machines. Companies still coming to terms with networking and electronic mail have largely ignored the possibilities of the CD-Rom. Some are, however, beginning to appreciate that here could be an extra convenience for busy executives on the move. In this respect, the advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi will provide some clients with reports, presentations and creative outputs on CD-Rom.

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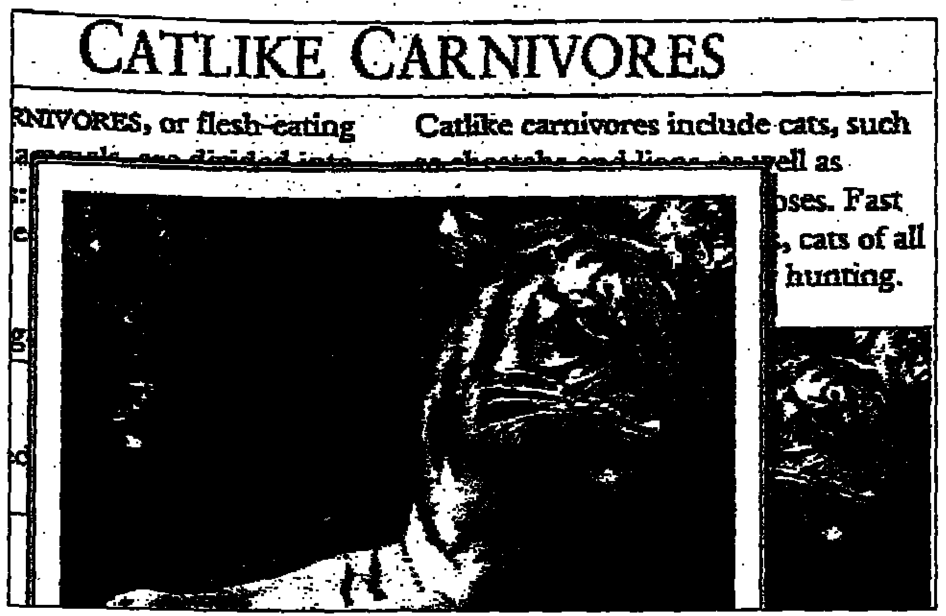
Charles Fallon, group account director, says: "It's a question of horses for courses and if a client would feel uncomfortable or embarrassed by the medium we wouldn't use it." At the other end of the scale, Mr Fallon says, a manager from a client such as Hewlett Packard has no problem about carrying a CD-Rom full of Saatchi advertisements around in his or her suitcase.

Switched-on companies might also be suitable candidates to buy computer software, not to mention a variety of other office stationery, via CD-Rom, says Infobank, a digital distribution company which offers 2,500 products to big names such as the Stationery Office, IBM and British Rail as part of its CD-based electronic superstore.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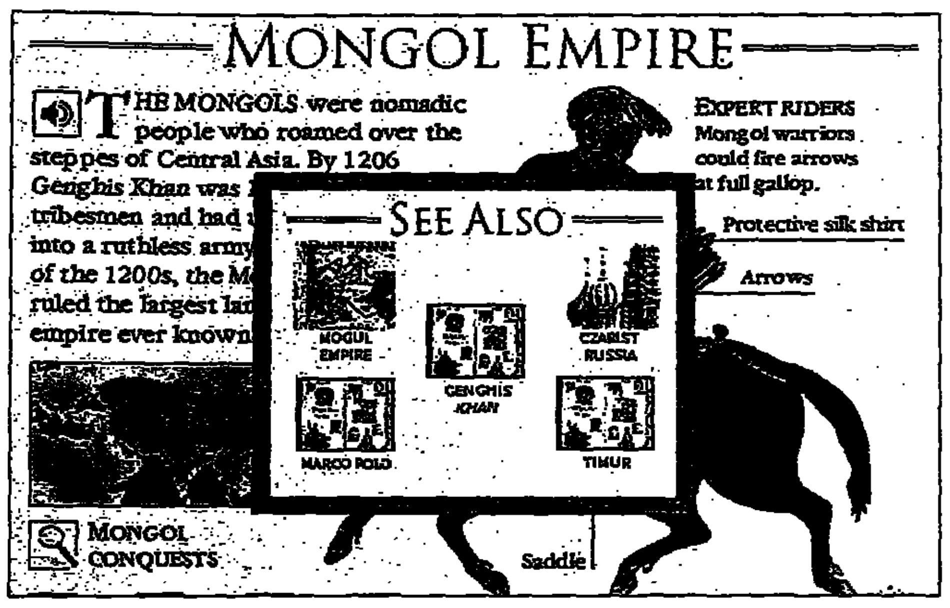

How to turn an order into a sales call

Having pictures on screen of what you are selling can spell extra business

The telephone rings at J.D. Williams, the ladies' fashions catalogue house. A clerk takes the call, noting the numbers of the items the customer wishes to order. As each number is typed in, a picture of the garment appears on the computer screen — this helps the clerk if the buyer has any question about the goods.

It is also one of the ways in which multimedia is being adopted as a direct cash-generating aid instead of being regarded as a toy used only by personnel departments for training programmes.

Bob Cunningham, IT manager for J.D. Williams, based in Manchester, says the job of the clerk was purely to answer the phone and take an order. With the company's multimedia system, presently on trial with half a dozen clerks in a workforce of 300, they can become true sales people, generating extra business by their access to complete visual information about the product line.

"Rather than saying here's our sales offer of the day, they can describe the colour, style and accessories," Mr Cunningham says. The future could bring even greater changes, by giving the clerk a history of the customer. They will be greeted by name, and the clerk will know as if by magic what sort of style they like. "We have got to associate items together with pictures of what the customer has bought in the past, to give an idea of what they are likely to buy."

The J.D. Williams system combines images from a desktop publishing system used to prepare the catalogue, and the customer database held on the firm's IBM mainframe. Multimedia is giving a new lease of life to many mainframe systems, argues Hugh Robertson, IBM's multimedia marketing manager. Adding multimedia capabilities, he says, can transform a database on a mainframe into a more valuable resource.

Mainframes and multimedia are the basis for another burgeoning business — workflow systems. These operate in businesses such as insurance companies, the utilities and banks which have to handle huge quantities of paper from customers. Companies are increasingly scanning the wave of paperwork into digital images as soon as it is received.

The big disadvantage of the multimedia approach is the amount of data it generates. A digitised image can be a thousand times larger than the same information in computer text, and moving a thousand times the previous amount of data round a system can easily overload it, says Patric Chang, multimedia consultant at KPMG. "The costs can be hard to justify. Adopting multimedia can necessitate a total infrastructure upgrade, such as installing a CD-Rom drive in every PC. The network may need to be upgraded to cope with the vast amounts of traffic."

Mr Chang adds: "Lots of companies are trying to contain this by not having multimedia PCs. Many have PCs without floppy disks to prevent data explosion and for security reasons." The data explosion is now the main obstacle to more widespread use of multimedia in business, he says, especially as multimedia's business benefits are somewhat vague.

"In just about every application it is difficult to put up a business case for multimedia. The incentives are ease of use, improvement of customer service and so on, which are hard to quantify," he says.

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

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"Clerks can describe colour and style to clients," says Bob Cunningham of J.D. Williams

Is your PC equal to the task?

Have the facts at your fingertips when moving into multimedia

DO YOU want to discover the joys of multimedia CD-Rom titles or cruise along the information superhighway? If so, you need to find the personal computer that will suit you best.

The PC was designed as a glorified typewriter which simply displayed text on a screen. But today's models, with soundboards and CD-Rom drives, transform them into multimedia devices that can handle sound, graphics, animation and video images.

But not all PCs are made equal, and choosing the wrong system could mean ending up in an information cul-de-sac. Anyone wanting a multimedia PC should choose one with a minimum of a 486 chip with eight megabytes of memory, at least a 160 megabyte hard disk and a double-speed CD-Rom drive. It might also be worth looking at Apple as an alternative to the mainstream PC. It is fast establishing a good reputation for multimedia.

Kim Stanton, managing director of Kimtec UK, a CD-Rom publisher and developer, says: "You need at least eight megabytes of memory and you can never have too much hard disk space."

Some existing computers can be converted to multimedia by installing an upgrade kit. However, do check that any existing computer is powerful enough to benefit from it.

IF YOU want to explore the Internet or use online services like Delphi or Compuserve, you will need a modem — a box of electronics which enables computer data to be sent and received over a phone line.

There are many modems on the market, with prices ranging from about £50. Buying a modem can be confusing, not least because there is an array of speeds and standards. The biggest decision facing most buyers is the speed of modem. Modem speeds can range from 2,400 bits to 28,800 bits per second (ten bits equals one character), and the golden rule is to go for the fastest modem you can afford.

Although high-speed modems are initially more expensive, the cost may be offset by lower charges, especially where online services charge on the length of time you are connected to them.

For those wanting to use the Internet, and particularly the fast growing and easy to use World Wide Web section, a modem with a speed of at least 14,400 bits per second is advisable. You might want to consider one of the latest modems that run much faster, at 28,800 bps, but they can be expensive and online providers are only just starting to adjust their systems to accept the higher speed.

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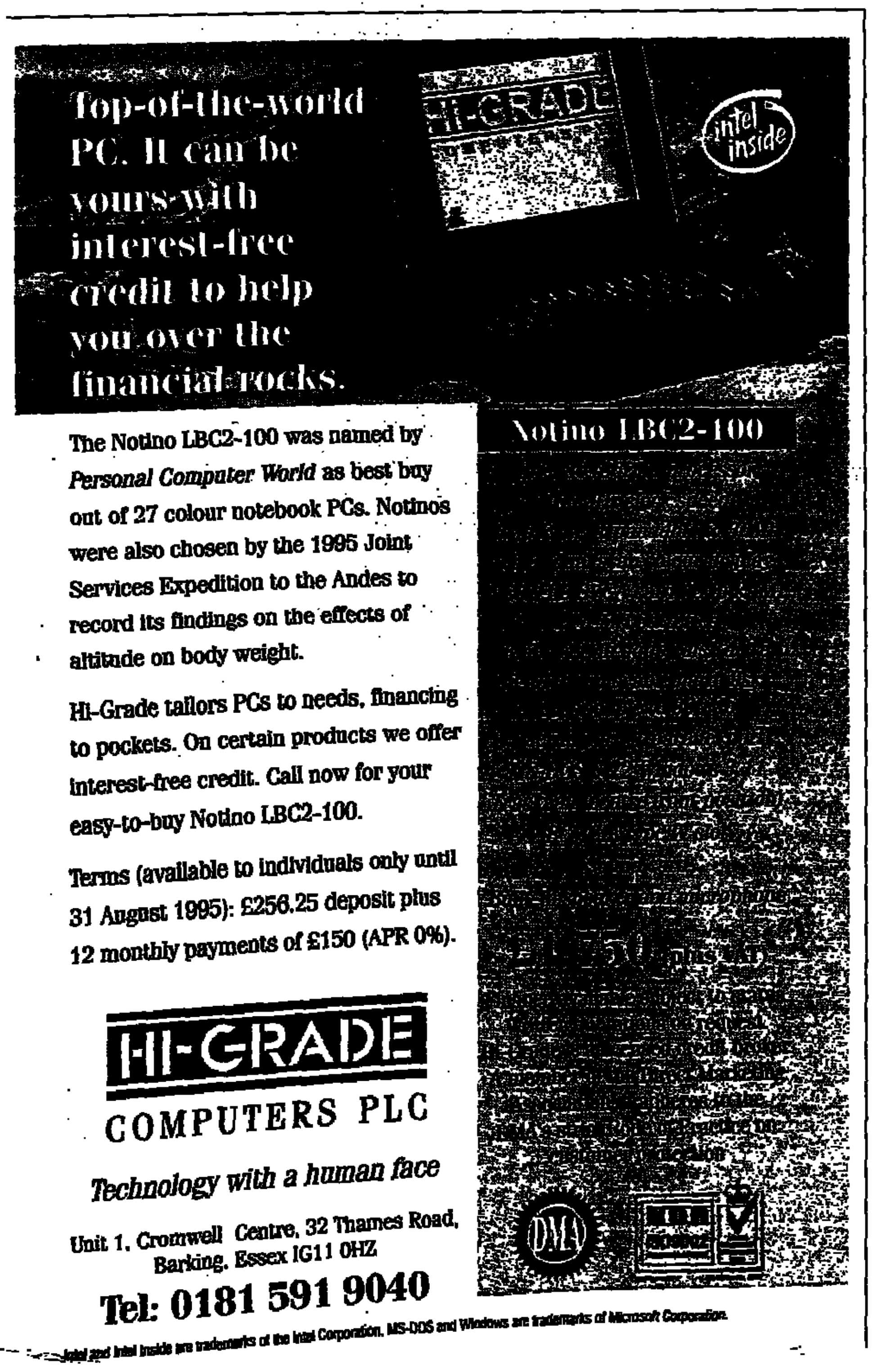
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THE new Michael Jackson album goes on sale today. As the record shops open for business, the radio airwaves and prime-time TV slots have been commandeered and 30ft high statues of the star are being erected in cities round the world. Just imagine what Stalin could have achieved with the help of the Sony marketing machine.

But, as the publicity drive escalates into a full-blown cult of personality, it becomes ever harder to think of this isolated performer as a flesh-and-blood musician. Stuck on a pedestal of mind-boggling sales statistics, he is in danger of becoming too remote to matter any more. His previous album, *Dangerous*, sold a staggering 22 million copies, yet it has often been described as a "flop", and in terms of its influence and broader resonance it has had far less impact than the preceding albums, *Bad* and *Thriller*.

HIStory is an attempt to personalise Jackson's music and his achievements and to move the plot forward while tapping into his illustrious past. Sold as a double-disc package, it yokes a 15-track "greatest hits" compilation to a new 15-track album, an inspired (and original) ploy that may well start a trend. What more efficient, and lucrative, way could there be of luring fairweather consumers into acquiring the latest batch of untested material, while simultaneously forcing hardcore fans to purchase the old songs once again?

Part celebration of a wonderful career, part self-justifying concept album, it turns out to be an uncomfortable combination of the effortlessly brilliant and the self-consciously average.

The hits have become part of the fabric of modern music. Laid end to end, *Billie Jean*, *Bad*, *Beat It*, *Thriller*, *Don't Stop 'Til you Get Enough*, *Black or White*, *Man in the Mirror*, *Remember the Time* and the others are testament to the genius of one of the entertainment giants of the 20th century.

But the new material is less obviously distinguished. Embattled and embittered by his treatment at the hands of his country's legal system and the world's sensation-hungry media, Jackson has lost his temper.

The (often naive) idealism and childlike flights of imagination that informed his best work of the past have been swamped by a tide of anger, cynicism and self-pity, and songs such as *Money*, *Tabloid Junkie*, *D.S.* and the current single, *Scream*, are scathing, apparently autobiographical rants, pegged as often as not to sketchy rap-type tunes, which reveal a side of Jackson that has not been seen before. "You are disgustin' me/Just want your cut from me," he accuses his tormentors in *2 Bad*, while warning in a strange, strangled voice, that "This time around, I'm taking no shit" *(This Time Around)*. The ballads, which range from the moody *Stranger in Moscow* to the mawkish *Childhood*, adopt an earnest, self-analytical tone with talk of a "swift and sudden fall from grace" and compensating for "the childhood I've never known".

The overall effect is initially overwhelming. Jackson has been picked on in recent years and you can hardly blame him for wanting to hit back. But it is not an attitude that sits comfortably on his slender shoulders or which chimes with the previously escapist nature of his music. As a songwriter, angst is not his strongest suit.

And there is an unappealingly egotistical quality to all this complaining, not least in the monumental conceit of the title track, in which genuine historical snippets — such as the first words spoken on the moon — are equated with Jackson's progress as a popular entertainer.

It is a big album and it's going to get bigger. The hits have stood the test of time. But somewhere between them and the new material the attention to detail and generosity of spirit that marked Jackson's greatest work have gone missing.

BON JOVI
These Days
(Mercury 528 248)

WHEN *Keep the Faith* came out in 1992, Bon Jovi were rebuffed by the critics for being an irrelevant, old-fashioned heavy rock band that had been superseded by the grunge revolution. That album eventually sold more than eight million copies and, with sales of last year's *Cross Road* compilation topping 12 million, one would have thought that such criticisms would have been as water off a duck's back.

But perhaps the group were stung after all. How else does one explain the raucous, Stone Temple Pilots guitar sound and Cult-ish chord sequence of *Hey God* — the opening track on *These Days* — or the rapid-fire vocalese of the following number, *Something for the Pain*, a bluesy belter of a song that would not seem out of place on a Black Crowes album?

In fact, *These Days* reverts to type fairly swiftly thereafter, and by the time the 73-minute album fades to its finish with a piano and acoustic guitar ballad called *Bitter Wine* ("I thought I saw the future but the fortune teller lied"), another robust compendium of steroid-assisted power chords, killer choruses and heroic lyrics has been safely kicked into touch.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Post	Björk (One Little Indian)
2	Pulse	Pink Floyd (EMI)
3	Singles	Alison Moyet (Columbia)
4	Days Like This	Van Morrison (Exile)
5	Stanley Road	Paul Weller (Go! Discs)
6	The Colour Of My Love	Celine Dion (Epic)
7	Infernal Love	Therapy? (A&M)
8	Big Love	Ali Campbell (Virgin)
9	A Spanner In The Works	Rod Stewart (Warner Bros)
10	Picture This	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)

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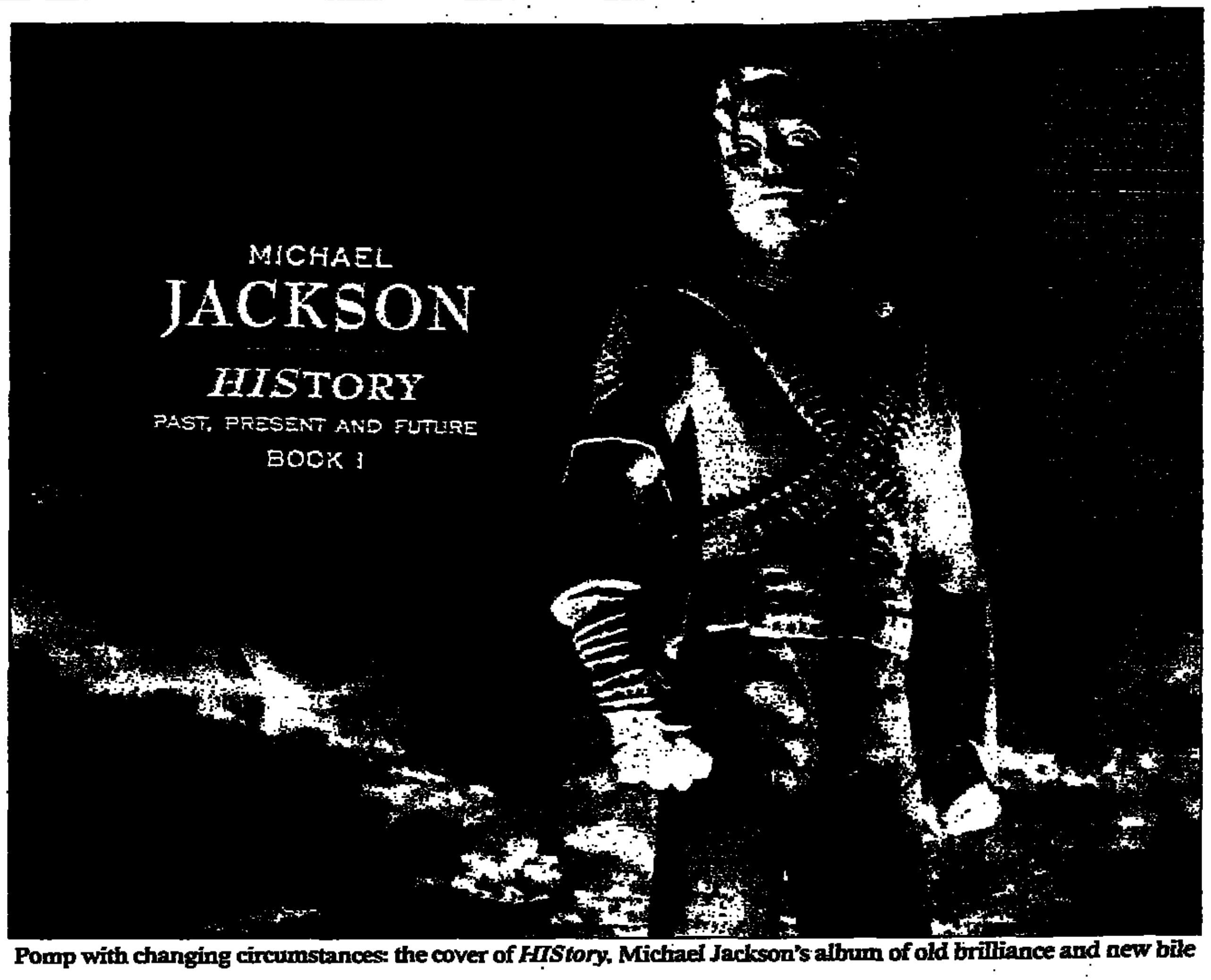

Pomp with changing circumstances: the cover of *HIStory*, Michael Jackson's album of old brilliance and new bile

The men in the mirror: (from left) Michael Jackson as teenybop wonder; at the time of *Thriller*; and *Dangerous* in 1992

No need to act the goatee

Andy Cairns of Therapy? has shaved off one of the most famous beards in rock. Is this a symbolic act or what?

Therapy? have two logos. There's the scribbled, 7ft-high cartoon face on their backdrops, a triangular head with "Oh dear, I've just taken too many drugs" eyes — copies of which can be seen on T-shirts worn by the disaffected in any industrial town — and there's the one stuck to lead singer Andy Cairns's face. Cairns's beard — and, by default, Therapy?'s beard — is one of the most famous outcrops of hair in the pop world.

A demonic triangle grazes on his chin, while a slightly more daring section hovers, anxious, above his lip. Whole stories have been written about Cairns's beard, gossip columns turned over to musings on which continent it most resembles. Photoshoots are dominated by it.

CAITLIN MORAN

But now this is all in the past, as Cairns has shaved it off, one of the eight wonders of the modern world, and now has a *bald face*. Surely this is a massive sign of protest; maybe a physical manifestation of spiritual unease; possibly a symbolic *shearing* to draw attention to the continued testing of shaving foam on poor little bunny rabbit's eyes? "Nah; I was just bored with it," he says. But, in a way, it *is* symbolic. On their new album, *Infernal Love*, the Belfast threesome have moved away from the claustrophobic metal-rock of their previous album, *Troublegum*, and headed for sunnier and more spacious musical stamping grounds. Tracks like *A Moment of Clarity*, the momentous half-ballad, benefit from the width and grace of cellist Martin McCarrick; and the album as a whole, while never straying too far from Big Punk Chords and Someone Having A Fight With A Dustbin drums, has more grace and ease than we're accustomed to from Therapy?. This is a more *laidback* angst.

"We've realised, in the last year, that we don't need to *prove* ourselves anymore," Cairns says, nursing a vodka in a shabby North London pub. "We were really going for it last year, drink and all that rock nonsense, and it was starting to get a bit, um, dangerous. But we realised that half the reason we were messing ourselves up was because we felt we had to prove ourselves; people seemed to regard us as a cartoon punk band, and I think we wanted to show we were 'hard' and 'tough'. We've calmed down a bit; we're more comfortable with who we are and what we do. It's easier to prove yourself with music than with drugs.

You have to remember", he continues, "that when we went in the studios to record *Troublegum*, we pretty much hated each other's guts. I'd written all these songs that Michael [McKeegan, the band's bassist] and Fyfe [Ewing, their drummer] hated, and I kind of had to *force* them to record them. This time, we were all chummy chummy friends.

"And it's the first time we've really been *relaxed* in the studio. For our previous two mini-albums, I still had a full-time job, and I'd put in a full day, then drive to the studio and record all night. It was very stressful."

So what about all those rumours that James Dean Bradfield, lead singer of the troubled Manic Street Preachers, was going to join the band? "Well, there's only really room for one shouty bloke in a band, isn't there?" Cairns grins. "Nah, James and I are very good friends, but he still has his band, and I have mine. Besides, we're too much like each other to ever survive being in a band together. We have horrendous arguments which end up with us wrestling on the floor. There just isn't room for that kind of thing on a tour bus."

● Infernal Love *is released by A&M Records*

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Maniac's bid for freedom

New, improved Natalie Merchant product will soon be in a record store near you, writes **Alan Jackson**

Were Natalie Merchant a character in a film, she would be played by Winona Ryder wearing a serious expression and something dark, demure and Ivy League-ish. Formerly goddess of the socially aware and highly principled in her role as leader of the band 10,000 Maniacs, this wonderfully gifted singer and songwriter is about to release her first solo album.

"My first ever album, or at least that's what it seems like," she says. "Looking back, all the others [seven, if the career retrospective *Hope Chest* is included] feel like they were me learning how to make this record."

Tiger Lily is its title, a juxtaposition of images that is entirely appropriate: Merchant's voice is proud and muscular when in full flight, impossibly soft and intimate at other times, and her lyrics can be similarly polarised. Now 31, she is a liberal with attitude, for years a campaigner on such issues as homelessness or a woman's reproductive rights.

Merchant was just 17 when she joined four male musicians in her home town of Jamestown in upstate New York to form 10,000 Maniacs, covering material by English bands such as Joy Division and the Gang of Four to limited acclaim. After signing to Elektra in 1985, however, the acceleration towards fame began. By the time the band's final studio LP *Our Time in Eden* was released, in 1992, sales were into the multi-millions and glossy magazines were happy for Merchant's face to look, tentatively, from their covers. At which point Merchant announced a disbandment.

"The scope of my life was way too narrow," she said at the time. "I was tired of being with the same group of people." Luckily, for most fans Merchant *was* the Maniacs, and the fact that she intended to write and record on her own tempered the disappointment. Now, Merchant is likely to become established as one of the key figures in grown-up American pop, as widely celebrated as Michael Stipe, say, or k.d. lang.

It is a prospect she views with alarm. "Although I think this is the best possible record I could have made right now, I almost want to put brakes on its success," she says. "I'm excited by the advance reaction to it, but I want to keep things under control. I was really happy with the level of success the Maniacs achieved, and I thought that if I could only get to a similar level on my own ... I mean, I live well, am very comfortable, but I can still move around freely. What I hadn't counted on, though, was everyone seeing me not as a new artist but as the singer from a previously successful group. I didn't realise I'd made myself so noticeable."

ANDRE CAMARA

Natalie Merchant's solo career is really looking up

❛ Use it before you lose it, basically ❜

Merchant is not being disingenuous. She and the band were so camera-shy that they chose not to have their photograph on any of their LP sleeves. And although in growing up she forsook the thrift-shop look favoured in her teens for a more stylish image, she has never been comfortable with using her looks to draw in listeners. Down the years there have been run-ins with stylists hired to coax her towards glamour: "We'd be in some store where any old outfit cost more than most people earn in a month and they'd be urging me, 'Shorter, Natalie, and tighter too', and I'd be saying 'No, not shorter and tighter. Looser and longer'. On occasions I'd be reduced to tears."

Tiger Lily marks another breakthrough, then: Merchant's face appears on the cover, albeit in black and white and without cosmetic aid. "And I've actually done a couple of photo-shoots for American magazines recently where hair and make-up people and stylists have turned up and I've really got into it. I figure now that I am a performer and I am a woman ... use it before you lose it, basically."

We will not be seeing the singer in designer gowns, though, or entering A-list parties on the arm of Brat Pack actors. "That, or becoming a heroin addict, always seems to be good for triggering media interest," she says. "But I don't intend to do any gratuitous promotion. Right now, I'm keen to let people know my record is out but I don't imagine myself seeking any further attention. And by continuing not to talk about my private life, I should ensure that any focus on me is as a musician, not as a celebrity. And soon, when I tour America, I'll be playing only 3,000-seater venues, even though bigger money is being offered to play bigger halls."

Maintaining control of her work is of vital importance to Merchant. "I wasn't so much given carte blanche, as took it," she says of *Tiger Lily*. Rather than operate on a record company advance and so risk outside interference, she financed it with money borrowed from the bank and handled all the day-to-day administration herself. Recording took place in her home, with the small nucleus of musicians living in, and analogue rather than digital technology was used to avoid what she describes as the latter's cold and clinical sound. She even produced it. "All in all, it was quite a responsibility — and look, it's left me with some grey hairs. But at least I can call the record my own, and that's the important thing."

When all the promotion and touring is over, the singer will happily resume her off-duty life in a small town where the locals have been stunned by the sheer conventionality of the rock'n'roller who moved in among them. Volunteer work and benefit shows will be the highlights of her week again. "And going to the laundromat. I love getting into conversation with whoever's at the next machine."

● Tiger Lily *is released on Monday by Elektra*

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■ OPERA

The newcomers impress only fitfully in Covent Garden's latest revival of *A Masked Ball*

■ CLASSICAL

The much hyped Vanessa-Mae makes a sad Festival Hall appearance in Perlman's week

THE TIMES

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■ WEEKEND

A feast of Bela Bartók: all six of his quartets will be played on the South Bank by the Emerson

■ WEEKEND

Peter Maxwell Davies presides over a week of new music, Purcell and community projects in Orkney

OPERA: **John Higgins** on a Verdi performance for those who like spotting stars of the future

Strangers passing in the night

The Pavarotti caravan vacated Covent Garden's *Ballo* a month ago and the dark and dilapidated remains of Otto Schenk's original production now have an entirely new set of tenants. Two of the three principals were making their house debuts: Michele Crider from America's Middle West as Amelia and the Spanish baritone, Eduardo del Campo, as Anckarström. The tenor, Iceland's Kristjan Johannsson, was no familiar figure either. To date he had only stepped in to replace an ailing Radames in last summer's *Aida* revival.

Un ballo in maschera
Covent Garden

In the first act they looked like so many strangers passing in the night. And there is plenty of night around in this fitfully lit staging. Two of the older hands were needed to put some life into Verdi. Jane Henschel was back as Madame Arvidson, the Mystic Meg of Stockholm, prophesying in gloriously stentorian tones promotion to common sailors and death to kings. Judith Howarth returned as Oscar, dressed as a principal boy and behaving like one, saucy and assured in her singing. It is one of her best roles and she is shortly to make her American debut in it.

DONALD COOPER

Unmasking some of their true promise: Kristjan Johannsson and Michele Crider in *Un ballo in maschera*

Michele Crider was the first of the newcomers to impress. The Act I trio *chez* Arvidson had gone badly wrong. It often does. But Crider was determined to put things right in Amelia's big scene on Gallows Hill.

This she did, showing a soprano well able to cope with the dramatic sweep Verdi demands, coupled with some glowing and vibrant top notes. The tone has more than a mere flavour of dark molasses in it and is well suited to Amelia's attacks of terror. She lives dangerously, and unhappily. The Crider control slipped a bit in the Act III plea, but there is a strong Verdian in the making and a potential Aida.

Del Campo's hatchet face and skinny figure made him a likely guardian of Swedish morals as Anckarström, but he was allowed to get away with far too many stock gestures. His long arms were regularly raised as high as his sabre. There is a good rasp to the voice, especially in recitative, but on this showing it lacked the essential Verdian flow. *Eri tu* began full of promise and then drifted off into nothing. Renato Bruson takes over the remaining performances.

Johannsson was also constantly promising more than he delivered. There were patches of stirring singing promptly followed by notes delivered still-born instead of springing into life. Only Gustavus's death scene produced true emotion. In the love duet Johannsson seemed keen to put as much distance as possible between himself and Amelia, moving to the far side of the stage and turning his back on her. He didn't seem a very fun-loving monarch.

Philippe Auguin also took a very solemn view of Verdi in the pit, missing the orchestral mockery. It could all do with sprucing up a bit, starting with some interior decorators for the King of Sweden and his private secretary.

CONCERTS: A violinists' week; and Max's UN tribute

Itzhak takes deserved bow

THE **Itzhak Perlman** Fiftieth Birthday Party continued at a sold-out and celebratory Festival Hall with two more pillars of the repertoire: the Brahms Violin Concerto and Mozart's No 3 in G, and this time with Yoel Levi conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra.

The blithe, light-filled first movement of the Mozart and the rainbow arch of the second irresistibly bring a smile to any face, and Perlman clearly enjoyed his moments of delighted portamento between the skipping pairs of notes as much as the rib-tickling figuration of the finale. Darker corners were not long perused in this performance.

Philharmonia/Levi
Festival Hall

The same characteristic platinum beauty of tone which had sung from the heart of the Mozart gleamed out again as the violin, after a sure-footed ascent, reached its hard-won melody at the start of the Brahms. Here Perlman emphasised the confrontational character. Rhythms bit deeper and were more internalised than they were when Perlman last played this work in London; and the finale was properly *giocoso*.

In both these performances, genial as they were, there was still something missing, and I found it difficult to say what it was. Then I remembered the title of this series: The Definitive Perlman Experience. *That* was the problem. Can — or should — any musical experience be definitive? To be definitive, after all, is to define, and these performances tended to be over-defined, too neatly tied up. What we missed was any sense of discovery.

It may, understandably, be impossible for Perlman to find these qualities now in this repertoire. But if so, how much more exciting for him and for us to have commissioned a brand new work for his birthday.

While the celebrations continue, poor 16-year-old **Vanessa-Mae** found herself squeezed in on a vacant night at the Festival Hall. Such timing seemed the unkindest cut of all in a career already shamelessly exploited. Tapping her white Doc Martens to the wan accompaniment of the English Sinfonia under Oliver Gilmour, she offered a mediocre, joyless account of Bruch's *Scottish Fantasy* — doubtless the only response possible from a child already speaking openly of her cynicism.

HILARY FINCH

A cheer and a warning

A SERENE, hymn-like tune and consonant, triadic harmonies without a trace of irony: surely this cannot be the Peter Maxwell Davies that we know and love? The work is *Time and the Raven*, subtitled "United Nations' Overture", commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for the fiftieth anniversary of the UN and taken by the orchestra on its UN tour (this was its London premiere).

The tune is, in fact, an Aboriginal song, but before long the tranquillity is broken by the familiar disruptive gestures and harmonies. The new ideas are "National Anthems", but only with the composer's quotation marks, for they are not identifiable. Tensions accumulate and there are angry moments: it could almost be a UN session. Davies is not convinced by the new world order: his music hints at the consequences for peace if nationalist sentiments continue to be exploited. Hence the title of the work (the raven is a symbol of warning) and hence the way that the jubilation of the coda is cancelled by the disturbing ending, in which the double basses stop one by one until only their leader is holding a long harmonic.

RPO/Maxwell Davies
Barbican

Davies himself conducted. For the remainder of the concert, Yehudi Menuhin was in charge. At least, he stood on the podium: whether he materially influenced the proceedings is arguable. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, K364, fared worst: none of the three movements both began and ended in synchrony, and the orchestral accompaniment was little more than a bland backdrop for the soloists. Nor were the soloists — though both RPO principals — well matched. Jonathan Carney (the leader) is a forceful, rhetorical player, while Andrew Williams (viola) indulges the private, introspective nature of his instrument. Some accomplished playing, therefore, but it hardly added up to a real performance.

The same could be said of Brahms's Symphony No 1, where there was little by way of interpretation. Completing the programme was Takemitsu's *Nostalghia — In Memory of Andrei Tarkovsky*. The slow-moving panoramas of the Soviet film director find an intriguing counterpart in the Japanese composer's delicately coloured musical dreamscapes. The surely intentional echoes of the Act III prelude to *Tristan und Isolde* lend a poignant air to the music's gentle but constant striving. Daniel Hope was the eloquent violin soloist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sarah Hall

LONDON

A BARTOK BLOWOUT: Bartók enthusiasts are in for a treat this weekend when the Emerson Quartet performs all six of his quartets in one go. The day should reveal the nature of the composer's development, and offers the chance to discuss the works with the quartet, listen to folk music, and consume Hungarian food.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sunday, 2pm.

HARPING ON HARLOTS: Postgraduate students at the Courtauld offer fresh insight into **A Harlot's Progress** today, with a new exhibition focusing on Hogarth's cutting satire. Adopting the metaphor of the theatre, they shed light on the prints' salubrious subject-matter — prostitution, sexually transmitted diseases, prison conditions and unmarried mothers!
Courtauld Institute, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2 (0171-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 2-6pm. Until August 27.

FAMILY APPEAL: Parents determined to interest their children in classical music should lure them to The London Philharmonic's brunchtime concert this Sunday. Restricting their programme to an hour, the LPO aim to whet appetites with popular classics including Bruch's *Kol Nidrei*, Chabrier's *España* and Rossini's *Overture, A Thieving Magpie*
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sunday, 11.30am.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: An exciting new opera company will be launched tomorrow night with the world premiere of **Noir**, by John Ginman and Colin Riley. Using slide projections, filmic lighting, and contemporary music group **Icebreaker**, this new work illustrates the company's commitment to increasing opera's accessibility. Transfers to the Purcell Room on Sunday night.
MAC, Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston Road (0121-440 3838). Sat, 8pm.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sunday, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: The final stretch of the Scottish proms opens in Glasgow tonight with an evening of **Classic Romance**, conducted by Carl Davis. Light classics on offer include Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, the overture to Berlioz's *Beatrice and Benedict*, and Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* — Dong-Suk Kang is the soloist. Saturday's programme features equally popular works, with arrangements of Gershwin and Ellington, and Orff's spectacular *Carmina Burana*.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (0141-227 5511). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: West Yorkshire Playhouse hosts its largest-ever production tomorrow night — the world premiere of **Pilgermann**. Damien Goodwin leads a vast cast, playing pilgrims and crusaders, in Michael Birch's adaptation of Russell Hoban's phantasmagoric medieval adventure
West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0113 244 2111). Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Sun-Fri, 7.30pm. Sat, 8pm, mat June 24, 3pm. Until July 1

ORKNEY: Six midsummer nights of music and theatre start today with the opening of **The St Magnus Festival**. Under the eye of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, the festival features some interesting new music, including the premiere of Thea Musgrave's oboe concerto *Helios*, and Nicola LeFanu's opera *The Wildman*, direct from Aldeburgh. Purcell's tercentenary is marked with a performance of *The Tempest*, and the festival's maritime setting is also reflected in *Island to Island*, a community arts project.
St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall (01856 872856). Tonight, 8pm. Until June 21

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhileratin' song' n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **DANTI-DAN**: Lynne Parker directs Rough Magic's commissioned play from Gina Moxley. A gang of Cork teenagers coping with sex and boredom in the long hot summer of 1970.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **DEALER'S CHOICE**: Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama: funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **FIRE RAISERS**: Last week for Max Frisch's always timely parable on the one-step-at-a-time acceptance of tyranny. Lenka Udovicki directs a cast headed by Malcolm Tierney and Frances de la Tour.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm.

◪ **FOREVER TANGO**: Previews start tonight for this " celebration of style, passion and sensuality". Apparently, one tango after another by an all-Argentinian company. Direct from California.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tonight and June 19, 8pm, opens June 20, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sun, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

☐ **HOT MIKADO**: Irresistably enjoyable jazz and jitterbug version of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. Superb clowning from Ross Lehman.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

☐ **JOZI JOZI**: Lively a capella musical about downtown Jo'burg. A Market Theatre Company production for LIFT
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats June 22, 2pm and June 24, 3pm. Until June 24.

☐ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**: Terry Hands's first production here: Denis Quilley plays the fat knight and Richard McCabe an insanely jealous husband.
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

◪ **RETREAT**: Tim Pigott-Smith plays a man retired to his Welsh cottage and talented newcomer Victoria Hamilton is an unsettling visitor. Sam Walters directs poignant James Saunders play.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**: The Undead pose and prance again. Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm.

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE**: Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. Lynne Parker's production glows with fitful power.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT**: Ian Judge's delightful production from last year's Stratford. With Desmond Barrit as Malvolio and Emma Fielding as Viola, both irresistible
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ☐ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) ... ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Gielgud (0171-494 5065) ☐ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ... ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BAD BOYS** (18): Empty-headed adventures of two Miami cops (Martin Lawrence and Will Smith), from the producers of "Beverly Hills Cop". Director, Michael Bay.
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JEFFERSON IN PARIS (12): Life and loves of America's ambassador to France. Prettily mounted, but uninvolving. With Nick Nolte, Greta Scacchi, Thandie Newton. Director, James Ivory
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Midsummer chill in the park

Shakespeare's pastoral comedy outdoors in Regent's Park affords **Benedict Nightingale** little warmth

Whatever we were sharing with John Doyle's cast in NW1, it was not a sweltering midsummer night in Athens. Myself, I was wearing a thermal vest, a woollen shirt, two jumpers and a mac, and still wished I had brought along a balaclava and a Saint Bernard with a brandy flask hanging from its collar. But that is what we veterans of the Open Air Theatre have come to expect. There were other, greater incongruities for us to boggle at.

Doyle and his designer, James Merifield, have not merely rejected the bosky dell that nature and the Regent's Park authorities have combined to offer them as a stage — a stage, incidentally, well fitted to Shakespeare in his comical-pastoral mode. They have covered it with what seems to be a vast purple-and-blue silk scarf, the kind that might be worn by a giantess with a questionable taste in neckwear, and on it they have put a huge upturned crescent, a couple of Grecian harps and other surreal furniture. It is the sort of setting they used to create for lady crooners in garish variety shows. Indeed, I suspect I once saw Cleo Laine in Blackpool in just such decor, lying back and singing about spoony, Juney moons.

The costumes do rather more to distinguish between fairyland and reality; but not as much as they might. Brian Protheroe's Theseus is a Ruritanian bandmaster, and the lovers Victorian hussars and Victorian dolls. The sprites come with feathery wings and corsets to match, and, since they intermittently put on blindfolds or produce arrows, are clearly meant to evoke Cupid or Eros. The mechanicals appear to belong to a Dickensian *commedia dell'arte* troupe, judging by their anachronistic mix of top hats and caps and bright patchwork.

This last is a particularly misconceived choice. In my experience of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, well-observed social detail and human foible produce the most amusing results. But there is little chance of either when the clothes are endlessly upstaging the faces and accents. And how can we laugh at Bottom's transformation when this consists of two furry ears protruding from the multicoloured pudding-basin hat he is wearing, and adds little or nothing to the dotty-harlequin effect he is already giving?

Bottom is Robert Lang, who comes across as solemn, dreamy and, considering he is a weaver prone to dim malapropisms, strangely well-spoken. It is hard to tell what he wants to accomplish — but, in this unhelpful context, who can blame him? The best performances come from the lovers, notably Georgina Sowerby's warm, strong Hermia, and from Toyah Willcox as a Puck who confusingly doubles as Theseus's master-of-revels, Philostrate. I'm not sure why she wears a sailor suit or enters now on a skateboard, now on a penny-farthing; but, idling around with her hands in her pockets, she exudes casual insolence and delight in trouble, both of which fit the role.

Protheroe's Theseus dons wings and golden armour to become Oberon, not getting less hoarse-voiced or livelier as a result. Harriet Thorpe changes her four-foot plait into a luxurious flow of auburn hair, but does not achieve a lot more, as she makes a parallel switch from Hippolyta to Titania. Oh, and Robin Starveling the tailor turns out to be a lady in a green 19th-century dress. Still, who am I to accuse others of error when, in a recent review of *Crossing the Equator* at the Bush, I changed the name of the marvellous Paul Copley into the excellent but older Peter Copley? Let me say I regret this as much as having spent a cold, unfunny evening in the Open Air.

DONALD COOPER

Toyah Willcox as Puck on a penny-farthing exudes insolence and delight in trouble

An audience fidgets and fumes

Hours of no fun at all

When trapped in a theatre seat by a hopeless play the brain frantically seeks out ways to occupy the two and a half hours ahead in an attempt to prevent the body, buffeted by rage and boredom, tipping sideways into the aisle, *Jeremy Kingston writes*. Name some Indian cities beginning with M (the characters in the play are of Indian descent): Madras, Mysore . . . Name Caribbean islands beginning with M (the characters are from Trinidad): Martinique, Montserrat . . .

To no avail. The brain kept being dragged back to watch

Maa
Royal Court

this imperfectly rehearsed play, written by Ash Kotak, directed by Keith Khan and presented by Moti Roti in the Barclays New Stages season. Writing, direction and performances, too, are imperfect, the characters are ineptly developed and a feeling for what works on the stage is absent for hours at a time.

In London a woman gives her husband a fatal heart attack by feeding him rich food. Her son loafs around in garments of black latex and his pal fancies the widow. Her sister appears from Trinidad, hungry for sex, mocks her antiquated ways and persuades her to go to the local disco where — shock but not horror — the son proves to be a prancing transvestite. Behaving contrary to everything previously suggested, the mother takes his place on the stage and is liberated.

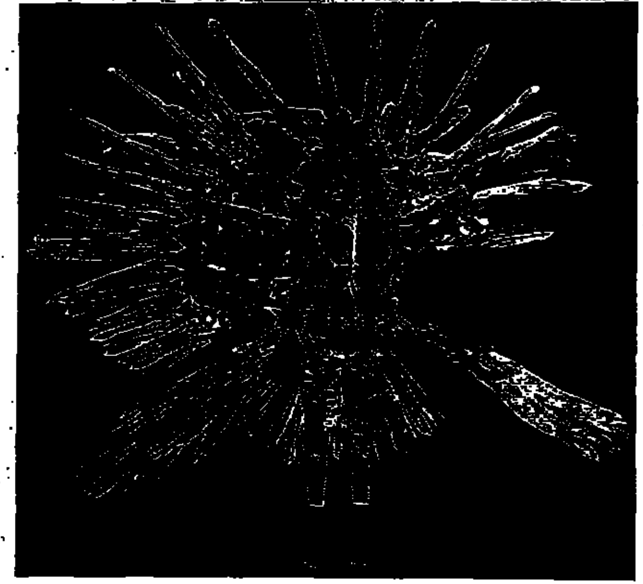
Meanwhile, up in heaven, a couple of her maternal ancestors look approvingly down, when they can spare the time from making dates with Krishna. And a devil called Jab Jab hops about. To judge from his pelvic thrusts he must already be very liberated.

After half time we are taken to Trinidad, where there is no escaping the carnival. The transvestite boy is now an unbelievable medical student, the pal and the sister are, unbelievably, married and the widow just goes rolling along, condemned by the author to utter his ghastly dialogue. Some of this may be intended to poke fun at Hindi movies: "Nobody ever understood me like you did," wails the pal, who still loves her. "We were each other's angels."

Up in heaven the ancestral angels have dressed themselves in black, preparing for the ludicrously tragic ending: murder and death from a broken heart. But do not fret, mother and son will be reunited above the clouds, and he gets his jeans back again. All this and latex too.

The carnival plays no functional role in these dismal proceedings although the turkey costume is a pretty thing, the wings outstretched like splintered fans. But what a waste of time and effort. Name awful plays beginning with M: *Maa*.

MARILYN KINGWILL



Shobna Gulati on the wings of a turkey in *Maa* (above)

Of mice, drink and men

Afters
Old Red Lion, EC1

For the duration of this promising first play by K. Carney, brought back for two weeks after its sell-out run in March, there are two bars on the premises: the real one downstairs and a realistic simulacrum up in the theatre, where three regulars, Billy, Bob and Mike, are still drinking brandy and lagers, long after hours, rather than face the disappointing world outside.

Twenty minutes into the play Carney pulls off an astonishing coup, which has to be mentioned because otherwise this review might as well stop here. If you wish to remain in ignorance, stop reading now and pick up again at the end of the next paragraph.

Nineteen minutes of realistic chatter, bantering, boasting, genially argumentative, have led up to the discovery of a mouse behind the bar. Steve, the manager, tries to brain it with a pool cue but the creature escapes under the door to the Gents. Whereupon, with a flash of light and a burst of Choral Symphony, the door is flung open from the other side and out steps the mouse, transmogrified into Charles Bukowsky, the Beat poet who died last year. Some celestial cock-up has turned him into a rodent and now that he is human again, though dead, he wants to carry on boozing where he left off.

This extraordinary development left me open-mouthed for quite some time, metaphorically and possibly literally as well. Any playwright who can dream up such a fruitful impossibility deserves a round of applause for the sheer audacity of his invention.

Carney uses the hard-drinking, hard-living Bukowsky to provoke the other four into recognising the tame futility of their existence. Billy (Jay Simpson) is a quick-witted labourer whose talk of the girls he lays is probably just that — talk. Vincent Franklin's Mike likes to think he is a reader but only reads horny tales, and has reduced his council flat to a tip. Jamie Roberts (Bob) is a naïve young Scot, trailing several sentences behind the others though given one telling line: "I drink to drown my sorrows, but they've learnt to swim."

Steve (Michael Brogan) has settled for an undemandingly repetitious life, and though the life led by Bukowsky, a silver-haired Antony Ingram, could be seen as no less repetitious in its sequence of drink, women and blackouts, he has dared to go to extremes. In a particularly funny moment of Ken McClymont's realistic direction, Bukowsky creases up with disbelieving laughter at the sight of the others solemnly absorbed as a doleful Tom Waits sings of hopeless dreams.

Carney doesn't do as much as he could to develop his idea, and the cast never look as drunk as they ought to be. But the play is a confident debut, attractively acted, spiced with shrewdly comic observation and genially tolerant in its tone.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Three men in a bar: (from left) drinkers Jay Simpson, Jamie Roberts and Vincent Franklin, with Tom Russell as the mouse-bashing manager

Wry fable of modern America

DIRECTORS of **The Threepenny Opera** have always played with its time period, but a new production at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Mass. has reset Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's 1928 masterpiece in contemporary America. Even before the *Moritat*, as police lights flash over a woman's corpse, an officer protects himself against Aids by donning surgical gloves.

Brecht himself endorsed the idea of a contemporary *Threepenny* in a 1955 interview. But at ART, Ron Daniels, a former associate director at the Royal Shakespeare Company who arrived in Cambridge in 1991 after a reshuffling at the Barbican, is hampered by weak leads and some confusing design elements.

Michael H. Yeargan's set is a black brick upstage wall with a neatly spray-painted gangster pointing a gun at the audience, but that menace does not materialise in Elmore James's dapper Macheath.

Gabriel Berry's costumes for this production, which runs in repertory until July 23, send mixed signals. There is a hippie outfit, with headband, for Alvin Epstein's scruffy Streetsinger; a slinky Twenties gown for Susan Scruggs's Jenny to deliver a thrillingly sensuous *Solomon Song*; and a 1950s-style Dior and long gloves for Polly.

Helped by a liberal use of the punchy word for excrement, the book by Michael Feingold and lyrics by Jeremy Sams restore the seaminess of Brecht's original. Sams has revised his lyrics from the Donmar Warehouse production last winter to encompass references to Yonkers, Washington State, the New York Police Department, and cocaine abuse. *The Cannon Song*, vigorously sung by Macheath and Ben Halley Jr's Tiger Brown, omits chopping enemies to steak tartare. Now the pair recall: "From Guam/To Vietnam/Slicing the vile invader/From Panama to Grenada/So none of them forget the day they met Uncle Sam."

Both modernisation and Americanisation are left in the lurch when the Mounted Messenger arrives. Perhaps the moment was conceived as an apotheosis of Brechtian alienation, but it feels more like an apotheosis of the production's ambiguity.

EDWARD KARAM

ARCHITECTURE: An unknown Finn has won the biggest prize

From the ashes to the stars

There is a new star in Europe's architectural firmament. The world's most valuable architecture prize has been won by an unknown Finn from a 50-strong line-up that included Britain's Sir Norman Foster, France's Jean Nouvel, Italy's Renzo Piano and California's Frank Gehry. More surprising still, Juha Leiviska's $250,000 Carlsberg Prize came at a moment when he had been without a new commission for three years and was thinking of abandoning architecture altogether.

Leiviska won the prize for the best of all reasons — he has designed some of the most beautiful buildings of our age. Peter Davey, one of the judges, put it simply: "Take the top 12 churches of the 20th century, buildings of the quality of Corbusier's Ronchamp, and Leiviska has designed two of them."

I went to Helsinki to look. From outside, his Myyrmaki church appears as a series of wafer-thin slabs, almost a house of cards. The slabs are stepped in front of each other to form a mounting crescendo to the "tower" — dozens of courses of brick, a single brick thick, with a minimum of lateral support. The true magic of the church lies in the interior, however. It was noon on a grey rainy day, yet every surface glowed with light. Here is an all-white interior with an ethereality that matches the great 18th-century pilgrimage churches of Balthasar Neumann in Bavaria (which Leiviska admires intensely).

The organ pipes inside the Myyrmaki church

The sheer intensity of light, much of it coming, wherever you stand, from invisible sources, renders solid walls insubstantial. Further magic comes from the myriad hanging lamps which give the cool evangelical interior something of the mystic glow of an Orthodox church.

There is no ornament or decoration in a Leiviska interior, but equally few plain or bare surfaces. His technique is to create incident by constantly overlapping panels or hangings. Leiviska's buildings in Helsinki are immediately recognisable. "I always design the same building," he acknowledges. At Vallila, he has designed, on a low budget and in cheap materials, a library and kindergarten. But he gives a simple post and beam construction panache by laying out the buildings in a fan-shaped pattern.

His most recent building is the new German Embassy in Helsinki, set in the garden of a former villa overlooking the water. In form, it is a simple L, made by placing the consulate and embassy accommodation at right angles, but again there is the same restlessness, with a silhouette almost as jagged as the pipes of an organ case.

Leiviska has a passionate message about respecting the character of places. For this reason he admires the Prince of Wales — "The Prince should go even deeper into architecture." And as Leiviska told the prize-giving ceremony: "Whether in town or country we are building in a 2,500-year continuum. Not to respect this is criminal".

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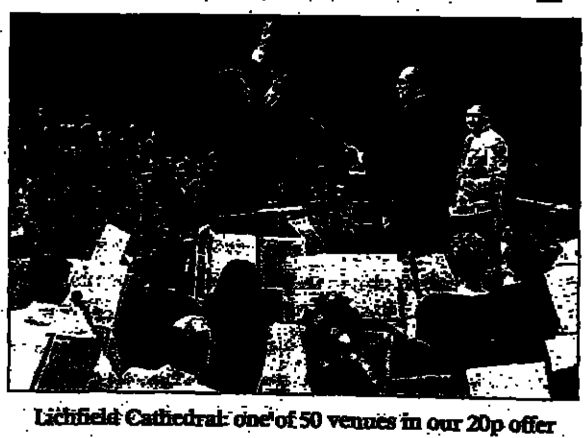

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Tale of the riverbank and boats that go bump

FREUD ON FRIDAY

On June 10, 1905, the Ditton Ferry overturned and three persons were drowned in the River Cam. A turn-of-the-century photograph of the ferry adorns a wall of the dining room of The Plough at Fen Ditton, where, yesterday afternoon, I sat looking at the picture, waiting for the arrival of my spotted dick, keenly priced at £1.99, wondering *whether it would arrive before* the next division of the May Bumps passed by.

May Bumps is the name given a sport whose bottom line is to provide material for the chart in column eight, page 44 of *The Times*. It now takes place in June; nor do Bumps remain a necessary *part of the exercise, for*, when one coxed eight has made sufficient progress to reach the bows of that which set out 20 seconds earlier, a "bump" is conceded; then, bumper and bumpee pull into the bank to leave the water clear for other, chasing boats.

When those have gone, the conquerors adorn themselves with greenery from the water's edge. Thus do they paddle to the end of the course displaying grins of achievement, while the vanquished — whose horizontal line on page 44 *takes a dip to the southeast*, homeward plod their weary way either in silence or to the chanting of doleful tunes from Songs For Swinging Losers.

The Plough at Fen Ditton, in the bar of which establishment is a holograph of a young couple in a boat captioned *Cam's Punt*, is midway up the course and recognised as a good place from which to observe.

A successful crew don the traditional laurels of victory, greenery from the river bank down the back of their shirts, after a winning bump on the River Cam yesterday

Every 45 minutes, a division of 18 boats comes by and, on the far side of the water, their trainers and their supporters cycle along the towpaths shouting words of encouragement or warning.

It is a bizarre pastime. On *the river, they who row can* only see those who chase and have to accept the word of the one who steers about the likelihood of achieving a bump on the crew ahead; and those who chase do so looking for signs of joy in the cox's eyes.

On the towpath, the cyclists, *urging their eight to achieve* a bump or escape their pursuers, forget that success or failure on the water tends to involve running into the back wheels of their adversary's followers, also.

Tom Stoppard, after the first night of *Rosenkrantz And Gildernstern Are Dead*, was asked by a critic: "What is the *play actually about?*."

He replied: "It is actually about to make me very rich."

The May Bumps are actually about providing undergraduates with a non-academic theme to see them through the summer; to provide fodder to the question: "What else did you do at Cambridge?"

The spotted dick took its time, which is a good sign, for you must never hurry the steam pudding, and I went down to the water's edge to witness the passing of the fourth division women's boats: a dozen and a half under-sized future bank managers and accountants shouting: "In, out; sit down and pull; now ... *now," and other exhortations* to octets of tomorrow's lawyers, politicians, scientists, and drop-outs.

On our side of the river, the lawn looks as if it had been left out all night and there is a marquee selling half-pint bottles of beer *and cider at £2 a time. Foreign* students, Japanese tourists with cameras, and the halt and the lame occupy the static side of the Cam, peering at boats for signs of a friend or relative.

"Cream or custard?," asked the serving girl when I rejoined my table. I chose custard. The pudding arrived: a machine-assemblage of curranted gruel which had been frozen, micro-waved into a semblance of life and dumped on to a cold soup plate containing warm custard made regardless of skill. A steam pudding requires treacle; there was no treacle. Even a poor steam pudding, if *such a dish must* be served, demands a gesture of sympathy of understanding from the waitress. There was none of that, either.

Sitting under my lemon tree in Portugal earlier this week, I scanned a book called *Good Things From England* and took note of Scotch Woodcock from a recipe dated 1885:

Take two slices of white bread and toast them; butter both sides and make therewith a sandwich of minced anchovy. In a dish, beat four egg yolks with half a pint of cream, add salt and cayenne pepper, and make this very hot but let it boil not. Pour the egg over the toast and serve at once.

A recipe such as this would cause folk to think well of our gastronomy. The Plough's spotted dick, and to be honest the Plough's Cumberland sausage (£3.99), is what will deter them from witnessing rituals such as May Bumps on over*cast days unless their nearest and dearest* are involved; in that case, they would be well advised to bring with them a hamper and a hip flask.

Sloe gin would be my choice for filling the latter; enough sloe gin would have made the whole outing bearable. Instead, it left me hungry and worried about how, 90 years ago to the week, three persons could have been drowned on a ferry that traverses 50 feet of shallow river in the Cambridgeshire Fens in June.

Samaranch suffers IOC defeat

OPPONENTS of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), yesterday successfully blocked his plans to scrap an IOC age limit of 75. Samaranch, who needed to change the limit to stay in power beyond his present term, which ends in 1997, at first won solid support for the age limit to be changed, but, after fierce lobbying by senior IOC members, he failed to get the neccessary *two-thirds* majority for the change.

The result was a crushing *personal* defeat for Samaranch and appeared to have ended, for the time being at least, his hopes of leading the Olympic movement up to the Sydney Games of 2000.

After initially backing the idea of change by 62 votes to 27, IOC members were then presented with three possible options. In *a secret ballot*, they then chose the most radical option — scrapping the age limit altogether rather than simply exempting Samaranch from it. However, in the final vote, only 57 IOC members backed the proposal, two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Minotaurs slain

Polo: The annual contest for the medium-goal prize, the Rover Cup, was won over five chukkas at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday by Peter Castle's team, Metropolitan, against Adriano Agosti's Minotaurs, 6-5. *This* was also a qualifying match for the Royal Windsor Cup.

Italian job

Boxing: Nigel Benn's eighth defence of his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title will be against Vincenzo Nardiello, of Italy, at Wembley Stadium on July 22. It will share top billing with Frank Bruno's fourth shot at the world heavyweight crown, against Oliver McCall.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f 8yd) 1, RESOUNDER (L Dettori, 3-1 *jt-fav*); 2, *Tamnia (T Quinn, 7-1)*; 3, Zuhair (W Carson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Surtees (6th), 6 Stellar Line, 9 Winter Quarters (5th), 10 Sketchbook, 12 Lomberto (4th), 14 Vendetta, 25 No Cliches, *33 Asking For Kings, Prince Of My Heart, 50* Just One Bid. 13 ran. 1¾l, ¾l, 2½l, nk, nk. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £4.00, £1.80. DF: £48.60. Trio: £57.00. CSF: £26.57.

2.30 (6f 8yd) 1, MORE ROYAL (L Dettori, 5-1); 2, Mushahid (W Carson, 6-5 fav); 3, Double Oscar (D Holland, 13-8). ALSO RAN: 14 Kandavu (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 2l, ½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £4.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £10.56.

3.00 (7f) 1, CELESTIAL KEY (D Holland, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, *Roving Minstrel (L Dettori, 10-1)*; 3, Classic Sky (W Ryan, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Neither Nor (6th), 6 Snandine, 11 Croft Valley (4th), 12 Belfry Green (5th), Sotoboy, 16 New Capricorn, Reprehend, 25 Bide Our Time, 33 Waikiki Beach. 12 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l, ¾l, ½l, 1¾l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £5.90; £2.30, £3.00, £2.00. DF: £32.90. Trio: £68.50. CSF: £43.88. Tricast: £194.14.

3.30 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, LARROCHA (W R Swinburn, 7-2); 2, Poppy Carew (R Cochrane, 3-1 fav); 3, Spout (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Yam, 7 Pricroy (6th), 16 Miasma, 20 Alessia (4th), Snowtown (5th). 8 ran. 5l, shd, 6l, 5l, 2l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £13.70.

4.00 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, MONARCH (T Quinn, 5-2); 2, *Santella Boy (J Quinn, 33-1)*; 3, Barford Sovereign (D Harrison, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Bowcliffe Court (4th), 11-4 Flight Master (6th), 9 Salaman (5th). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, 2½l, 1¼l, 25l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £4.60. DF: £22.20. CSF: £43.33.

4.30 (7f) 1, RODERICK HUDSON (S Sanders, 4-5 fav); 2, Godmersham Park (S Drowne, 5-2); 3, Jovie King (M Henry, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Polly Garter (4th), 10 Thehillsarealive (6th), 20 In The Zim (5th), 25 Bold Charlie, 66 Vaporize. 8 ran. 6l, 4l, ¾l, nk, 14l. J Toller at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.30, £5.20. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.30.

5.00 (1m) 1, LEGENDARY LEAP (T Quinn, 20-1); 2, Balasara (A Procter, 8-1); 3, Ahjay (J Quinn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Glowing Jade (6th), 7-2 Arcatura (5th), 5 Posing, 11-2 Ever So Lyrical, 50 Whispering Loch (4th). 8 ran. Nk, 2l, 2l, sh hd, hd. *Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley*. Tote: £18.90; £2.40, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £47.70. CSF: £155.80. Tricast: £922.49.

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (0.1 winning tickets; pool of £4,028.36 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £138.60. Quadpot: £10.40.

Hamilton Park

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Royal Expression (K Darley, 4-11 fav); 2, Never So True (12-1); 3, Our Rainbow (12-1). 4 ran. NR: Hand Woven. 5l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.90.

2.45 (5f 4yd) 1, Halbert (K Darley, 16-1); 2, Diet (8-1); 3, *Henry The Hawk (3-1 fav)*; 4, The Fed (10-1). 17 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. M Channon. Tote: £10.50; £1.40, £2.20, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £18.10. Trio: £32.50. CSF: £127.74. Tricast: £452.52. Bought in for 4,000 gns.

3.15 (5f 4yd) 1, Just Ice (G Duffield, 2-1); 2, Elfin Queen (7-4 fav); 3, River Tern (2-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 8l. *M Prescott*. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £5.68.

3.45 (6f 5yd) 1, Ultra Beet (J Weaver, 4-1); 2, Teejay'n'aitch (8-1); 3, Special-K (7-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Brecongill Lad. 3½l, 1l. P Haslam. Tote: £6.00; £2.30, £8.00, £1.70. DF: £64.20. Trio: £50.30. CSF: £34.07. Tricast: £113.35.

4.15 (1m 65yd) 1, Habeta (G Duffield, 11-2); 2, Sakharov (9-2); 3, Runrig (33-1). Talented Ting 5-4 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 1¾l. J Watts. Tote: £7.00; £2.40, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £10.20. Trio: £239.90. CSF: £30.10. Tricast: £689.85.

4.45 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Daily Starlight (M Wigham, 100-30); 2, Jackmanii (11-2); 3, *Punch (8-1). On A Pedestal 5-2 fav. 8 ran.* 2½l, 7l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £1.20, £3.60. DF: £7.80. CSF: £21.20. Tricast: £97.24. After a stewards inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £12.10. Quadpot: £59.20.

Wednesday's late results

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

6.40 (6f) 1, Bedside Mail (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2, Westman's Weigh (14-1); 3, Kinnescash (16-1). Hurricane Dancer 7-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. 2¾l, ½l. J Eustace. Tote: £26.80; £5.30, £2.10, £6.50. DF: £98.10. Trio: £299.50 (part won; pool of £295.32 carried forward to tomorrow). CSF: £181.16.

7.05 (1m 4f) 1, Ahla (R Price, 4-1); 2, Berkeley Bounder (10-1); 3, Paddy's Return (5-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Volunteer. 2l, ¾l. R Armstrong. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.60, £1.20. DF: £13.60. Trio: £10.80. CSF: £41.69.

7.35 (7f) 1, Bonita (Victoria Appleby, 33-1); 2, Anna-Jane (15-2); 3, Pharsical (7-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Legaee, Runs In The Family. Nk, nk. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £30.40; £5.80, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £103.30. Trio: £112.30. CSF: £236.33. Tricast: £993.58.

8.05 (1m) 1, Nordinex (M Hills, 11-1); 2, Confronter (100-30); 3, Snowy Petrel (15-2). Another Fiddle 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Duckey Fuzz. ¾l, 2l. R Armstrong. Tote: £13.90; £2.70, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £11.50. *Trio*: £52.90. CSF: £43.56. Tricast: £267.20.

8.35 (1m 4f) 1, Hi-Aud (T Quinn, 6-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Duty Sergeant (16-1); 3, Zalament (14-1). 11 ran. NR: Princess Ermyn. 3l, 1½l. J Akehurst. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £3.20. DF: £20.70. Trio: £92.40. CSF: £19.65. Tricast: £171.60.

9.05 (1m 6f 92yd) 1, Wild Strawberry (S Sanders, 9-4 fav); 2, Wannaplantatree (25-1); 3, John Lee Hooker (13-2). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £3.60, £1.50. DF: £41.30. CSF: £43.21.

Placepot: £182.40. Quadpot: £12.00.

Hamilton Park

Going: firm

7.00 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Jandeel (Mr V Lukaniuk, Evens); 2, Mellottie (5-6 fav); 3, Kirkie Cross (150-1). 4 ran. Hd, 30l. A Stewart. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.00.

7.25 (6f 5yd) 1, Ramsey Hope (N Kennedy, 9-2); 2, Flying North (11-2); 3, Tenmon (50-1). Power Game 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. C Fairhurst. Tote: £6.20; £2.60, £2.20. DF: £19.00. CSF: £26.90.

7.55 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Mentalasanythin (A Mackay, 11-2); 2, Argyle Cavalier (5-1); 3, Muzrak (11-2). Latvian 9-2 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 6l. A Bailey. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.40, £3.90. DF: £19.40. Trio: £80.50. CSF: £31.90. Tricast: £146.17.

8.25 (1m 65yd) 1, Talented Ting (J Weaver, 11-2); 2, Sarmatian (10-1); 3, Keep Battling (7-1). Shinerolla 2-1 fav. 12 ran. 1¾l, 3l. P Haslam. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £4.10, £1.90. DF: £56.70. Trio: £79.50. CSF: £60.69. Tricast: £368.26.

8.55 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Askern (A Mackay, Evens fav); 2, Head For Heaven (5-2); 3, Amnesia (12-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.15.

9.25 (5f) 1, Shadow Jury (L Charnock, 5-1); 2, Featherstone Lane (16-1); 3, Plum First (14-1). Just Bob 4-1 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 2½l. D Chapman. Tote: £7.20; £2.80, £7.90, £7.00. DF: £122.40. CSF: £79.21. Tricast: £969.48.

Placepot: £431.00. Quadpot: £73.10.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

In the refresher article yesterday, I discussed how to count the distribution. Here is a simple example from the South Africa national championships in May, in which I partnered Irving Rose.

Dealer South **North-South game** **Teams**

North:
♠KJ3
♥872
♦K8765
♣63

West:
♠974
♥AKJ1096
♦Q103
♣8

East:
♠65
♥53
♦4
♣AJ1097542

South:
♠AQ1082
♥Q4
♦AJ92
♣KQ

S	W	N	E
Sheehan		Rose	
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All pass

Contract: Four Spades by South *Lead: Ace of hearts*

West led the ace and king of hearts and, after a little thought, the jack of hearts, on which East discarded the nine of clubs. I ruffed and crossed to dummy with the jack of spades.

To make the hand, I had to avoid losing a diamond trick; it seemed harmless enough to play a club before drawing all *the trumps, to get some more* clues. I played a club off dummy, my right hand-opponent went up with the ace of clubs and gave her partner a club ruff. This did not look like good news — perhaps I could have made the contract by just drawing trumps?

West exited with a trump, all following. This is where the counting came in. I now knew that West had started with three spades, six hearts and one club. Hence, he had to have three diamonds. So I laid down the ace of diamonds, ready to announce that I was *finessing on the next round* if the queen or 10 fell from East.

When all followed small, I *salvaged a small amount* of face by conceding a diamond trick without bothering to play a second round. Two off — they went one off in the other room.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OBSTUPRATE
a. Astonished
b. To rape
c. Covered with spikes

PALAY
a. The jousting barrier
b. An imaginary country
c. A milky shrub

PEAGE
a. Dried mushy peas
b. To sneak
c. A toll

PLAIDOYER
a. A lawyer's speech
b. A referee at a duel
c. To pretend to know all

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Schools chess

The *semi-finals* and final of *The Times* schools chess championship take place at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on June 29 and 30. The schools which have made it to the last four are Ipswich, the title-holders, Maidstone Grammar School, who are making their first appearance at this stage, Methodist College, Belfast and Truro.

Several of the teams are composed of sets of brothers — the two Pert brothers in the Ipswich side, the two Greets for Truro and three Titmuses for Maidstone. This, in fact, represents half of their squad. Another notable landmark is that, for the first time in the 37-year history of the competition, two girl players are in the *last four, Cornelia Schneider*, for Truro, and Angela Corry, who is the captain of the Belfast team.

Schools should have received their entry forms for *The Times* British schools chess championship for next season. Additional forms can be obtained from the Chief Conductor, *The Times* British schools chess championship, 4 Alders Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 9QG.

Sadler's win

In the following game, Matthew Sadler, the British grandmaster, overcame a furious assault to defeat the overall tournament winner in *the recently concluded competition* in Malmo, Sweden.

White: Matthew Sadler
Black: Ivan Sokolov
Malmo, June 1995

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	0-0
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	Qxc3	Ne4
7	Qc2	f5
8	Nf3	Nc6
9	g3	Qf6
10	Be3	Ne7
11	Bg2	Rb8
12	0-0	b5
13	b3	d6
14	Nd2	Nxd2
15	Qxd2	Bb7
16	d5	exd5
17	cxb5	d4
18	Bxd4	Qe6
19	a4	Bxg2
20	Kxg2	f4
21	Rac1	c5
22	bxc6	Nxc6
23	Kg1	fxg3
24	Rxc6	gxh2+
25	Kxh2	Rf5
26	Rc3	Rh5+
27	Kg2	Rb4
28	Rd1	Qe4+
29	Rf3	Qh4
30	e3	Qg4+
31	Rg3	Qe4+
32	f3	Qh4
33	Rxg7+	Kf8
34	Qxb4	Qh2+
35	Kf1	Qh1+
36	Rg1	Qxf3+
37	Ke1	Ke7
38	Rd2	Qe4
39	Qc4	Qf3
40	Rg7+	Black resigns

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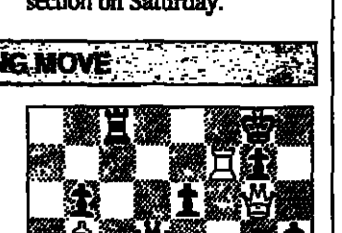
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Miles — Nedobora, Seville 1994. White is a piece and two pawns down and his knight on e4 is pinned. Can he *salvage anything from this* apparent disaster?



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THUNDERER

6.40 Piquant. 7.05 Pendley Rose. 7.35 Danegold. 8.05 Eurolink The Rebel. 8.35 Irkutsk. 9.05 Perfect Brave.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.35 DANEGOLD.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 ABELA HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £3,200: 1m 1f) (17 runners)

1 -563 PIQUANT 10 (F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 8-11-7 Miss M Cowdrey 11
2 0660 CAERLE LAD 18 G Harwood 4-11-4 Miss A Harwood 16
3 2220 MONTONE 23 (F,G,S) K Burke 5-10-12 M Mannish (5) 3
4 4-00 BLANCHLAND 13 (CD,G) K Ivory 6-10-12 Miss L Vollaro (5) 8
5 004 REMAADI SUN 16 J Gosden 3-10-12 J Durkan 4
6 5-00 MAGNATE'S POINT 17 P Harris 3-10-8 Miss A Elsey 13
7 -620 DOUCE MAISON 23 (C,G) A Jarvis 4-10-7 Mrs E Burke (5) 2
8 -606 GRAND SALT 9 M Haynes 4-10-4 Miss Y Haynes 5
9 0052 ANLACE 4 (F) S Mellor 6-10-2 Miss E Joyce (5) 14
10 0340 KEVASINGO 11 (G) S Dow 3-9-13 T Cuff 9
11 1020 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 13 (G) D Thom 6-9-13 Miss Diana Jones 17
12 6066 SCOTTISH PARK 9 (B,C,F,G,S) R Emery 6-9-8 Miss J Winter 1
13 3005 OOZLEM 13 (B,F) R Flower 6-9-8 R Johnson 10
14 0043 MEGA TID 20 (B) B Pearce 3-9-1 Mrs L Pearce 6
15 5236 DON'T DROP BOMBS 5 (V,G) D Thom 6-9-0 Miss J Feilden 12
16 6055 REMEMBER THIS 53 C Cyzer 5-9-0 Miss A Wilcox (5) 7
17 00-0 DREAM MISSY 18 J Bosley 4-9-0 Mrs S Bosley 15

7-2 Remaadi Sun, 9-2 Piquant, 6-1 Caerle Lad, 7-1 Anlace, 8-1 Captain Marmalade, Douce Maison, 10-1 Mega Tid, 12-1 others.

7.05 NSPCC MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,200: 6f) (9) SKY

1 2 CISERANO 9 M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 6
2 CONQUISTAJADE S Woods 8-11 L Dettori 7
3 5 FRO 14 J Fitch-Heyes 8-11 M Roberts 1
4 LATZIO B Pearce 8-11 S Whitworth 4
5 4 PENDLEY ROSE 18 P Harris 8-11 Pat Eddery 5
6 PRENDS CA R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (7) 3
7 50 QUEEN'S MUSIC 11 P Cole 8-11 A Clark 2
8 SCARLET PLUME J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 8
9 TWICE REMOVED S Dow 8-11 Stephen Davies 9

3-1 Ciserano, 7-2 Pendley Rose, 4-1 Prends Ca, Scarlet Plume, 5-1 Queen's Music, 10-1 Conquistajade, 12-1 others.

7.35 NSPCC HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,520: 1m 2f) (9) SKY

1 -313 HUJJAB 16 (BF,F) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 6
2 0633 HEATH ROBINSON 16 J Gosden 9-1 L Dettori 8
3 4033 OFFICE HOURS 15 C Cyzer 9-1 T Quinn 7
4 01 LOVELY LYCA 18 (S) J Hills 9-1 M Henry (7) 1
5 23-5 BETTER OFFER 55 G Harwood 8-13 M Perrett 9
6 2212 DANEGOLD 5 (V,BF,F,G) M Channon 8-10 R Hughes 4
7 -352 DONNA VIOLA 7 (F) C Wall 8-9 L Newton (5) 2
8 645 EDAN HEIGHTS 24 S Dow 8-6 M Roberts 5
9 6-60 I'M OUTA HERE 27 R Hannon 8-3 B Doyle 3

3-1 Danegold, 4-1 Heath Robinson, 5-1 Hujjab, 6-1 Lovely Lyca, 7-1 Office Hours, *Donna Viola, 8-1 Better Offer, 10-1 others.*

8.05 NSPCC CRY FOR CHILDREN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,200: 1m) (5) SKY

1 0-53 EMPOWER 21 R Hannon 9-3 Pat Eddery 3
2 6210 GULF SHAADI 7 (D,G) G Lewis 8-11 S Whitworth 4
3 66-2 RISING DOUGH 20 G L Moore 8-11 A Clark 5
4 43-6 *EUROLINK THE REBEL 23 R Akehurst 8-7* L Dettori 2
5 04 RISING RIVER 15 (B) S Woodman 8-6 J Quinn 1

6-4 Eurolink The Rebel, 2-1 Empower, 7-2 Gulf Shaadi, 6-1 Rising Dough, 16-1 Rising River.

8.35 GREEN FLAG CLAIMING STAKES (£3,520: 1m 4f) (5) SKY

1 0060 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 6 (F,G,S) R Hannon 6-9-8 R Hughes 1
2 5- YO-MATE 261 J Fitch-Heyes 4-9-8 A Clark 2
3 6-42 IRKUTSK 7 (BF) M Pipe 4-8-12 M Roberts 3
4 6333 GINGER JIM 7 P Hedger 4-8-10 C Avery 4
5 6301 PHARAMINEUX 7 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 9-8-7 T Quinn 5

6-4 Pharamineux, 5-2 Irkutsk, 11-4 Ginger Jim, 9-2 Flight Lieutenant, 10-1 Yo-Mate.

9.05 LAING & CRUICKSHANK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (£3,520: 6f) (8)

1 0251 LA PETITE FUSEE 13 (D,G,S) R O'Sullivan 4-9-12 A Clark 6
2 3223 ANOTHER JADE 11 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 5-9-8 T Quinn 4
3 034- GALLANT SPIRIT 284 (D,G,S) R Hodges 4-9-2 Amanda Sanders (7) 1
4 2-02 *PERFECT BRAVE 23 D Elsworth 4-8-12* *M Roberts* 2
5 0-60 GRAND CHAPEAU 16 R Hannon 3-8-10 Dane O'Neill (7) 7
6 5200 NOMADIC DANCER 14 M Saunders 3-7-12 N Adams 8
7 6233 HALF TONE 13 (B,G) R Flower 3-7-10 J Quinn 3
8 /0-0 AMBER NECTAR 71 (D,F) B Pearce 9-7-7 C Avery 5

11-4 Perfect Brave, 7-2 La Petite Fusee, Half Tone, 5-1 Another Jade, 6-1 Grand Chapeau, 8-1 Gallant Spirit, 12-1 Gallant Spirit, 20-1 Amber Nectar.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 22 winners from 107 runners, 20.6%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 47, 17.0%; P Cole, 17 from 101, 16.8%; R Akehurst, 14 from 94, 14.9%; G Lewis, 12 from 81, 14.8%; M Pipe, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 40 winners from 194 rides, 20.6%; W Carson, 32 from 225, 14.2%; L Dettori, 23 from 170, 13.5%; M Roberts, 21 from 163, 12.9%; Stephen Davies, 5 from 45, 11.1%.

THUNDERER

6.55 Podelet. 7.25 Veshca Lady. 7.55 Croft Imperial. 8.25 Buddy's Friend. 8.55 Master Fiddler. 9.25 Gospel Song.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.55 GULLANE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,666: 5f) (11 runners)

1 5581 HALBERT 1 (V,D,F) M Channon 6-9-7 NON-RUNNER 8
2 3020 KENESHA 27 D Nolan 5-8-2 K Fallon 3
3 -000 UPPANCE 37 (B) D Nolan 7-8-2 N Varley (5) 11
4 0-04 *CHINA HAND 8 M Wane 3-8-8* *T Williams 9*
5 -200 FRANS LAD 21 (B) J Berry 3-8-8 J Carroll 10
6 000 FUZZY 18 (B) S Kettlewell 3-8-0 J Stack (5) 1
7 30-0 IRISH ANGEL 21 C Smith 3-8-8 Darren Moffatt (3) 4
8 0040 JESSICA'S SECRET 7 (B) A Bailey 3-8-8 L Charnock 2
9 4032 *PORTELET 10 R Williams 3-8-8* *G Duffield* 5
10 0030 SAMSUNG LOVELYLADY 15 (V) E Weymes 3-8-9 S Maloney 6
11 0630 SUNSHINE BELLE 7 G Moore 3-8-8 J Fanning 7

6-4 Portelet, 5-1 Frans Lad, 7-4 Jessica's Secret, Kenesha, China Hand, 14-1 Irish Angel, 16-1 others.

7.25 DON'T BLINK SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,365: 5f) (6) SKY

1 5114 MONSIEUR CULSYTH 27 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll 6
2 65 IMP EXPRESS 16 G Moore 8-11 J Fortune 2
3 55 MILETRIAN REFURB 8 M Channon 8-11 K Darley 5
4 650 SNITCH 21 (V) C Smith 8-11 *N Varley (5)* 3
5 150 SUBFUSK 11 (BF,G) W G M Turner 8-11 A Daly (7) 1
6 0310 VESHCA LADY 8 (D,F) E Weymes 8-11 T Williams 4

9-4 Imp Express, 5-2 Monsieur Culsyth, 4-1 Subfusk, 5-1 Veshca Lady, 6-1 Miletrian Refurb, 20-1 Snitch.

7.55 SHERATON GRAND CUP (Handicap: £4,233: 5f) (7) SKY

1 0004 JUST BOB 2 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 6-9-11 J Carroll (5) 2
2 0620 CROFT IMPERIAL 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 8-9-9 D Holland 3
3 00-2 MISS MOVIE WORLD 11 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-9-4 J Stack (5) 6
4 5231 ULTRA BEET 1 (V,D,F,G) P Haslam 3-9-9 (7ex) J Fortune 4
5 3130 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 2 (D,BF,F,G) M Channon 4-9-3 K Darley 7
6 1206 SOUTHERN DOMINION 14 (D,G) W G M Turner 3-9-1 A Daly (7) 1
7 2255 MY CHERRYWELL 2 (V,CD,S) L Lloyd-James 5-9-0 T Williams 5

5-2 Miss Movie World, 3-1 Ultra Beet, 9-2 Croft Imperial, 5-1 Southern Dominion, 6-1 Giggleswick Girl, 7-1 My Cherrywell, 16-1 Just Bob.

8.25 DICK VET TURF CLUB HANDICAP (£2,971: 1m 16yd) (13) SKY

1 0115 TALENTED TING 1 (D,BF,F,G) P Haslam 6-10-5 (5ex) J Fortune 2
2 4684 BUDDY'S FRIEND 9 (D,F,G) R Williams 7-8-12 G Duffield 4
3 6000 MOROCCO 1 (D,F,S) M Channon 6-9-5 K Darley 12
4 -000 MATISSE 7 J Bethell 4-8-8 K Fallon 5
5 3665 THATCHED 11 (CD,F) R Barr 5-8-12 S Webster 9
6 0600 CUPRONICKEL 16 (G) J Wills 8-8-8 J Fanning 7
7 -004 BORROWBY 11 (G) M W Easterby 3-8-5 L Charnock 11
8 65-5 PIPERS GLEN 13 C Parker 3-8-5 J Carroll 10
9 0400 UPEX LE GOLD TOO 10 L Lloyd-James 3-8-5 T Williams 1
10 -056 DELGARTH LADY 8 J Spearing 4-7-13 DOUBTFUL 13
11 2004 RICANA 14 W Kemp 3-7-11 Darren Moffatt (3) 6
12 0-00 VALLEY OF TIME 1 (C,F) D Nolan 7-7-7 A Mackay (5) 5
13 0060 MALZOOM 13 S Kettlewell 3-7-7 N Varley (5) 8

4-1 Talented Ting, 5-1 Buddy's Friend, 6-1 Thatched, 7-1 Ricana, 8-1 Morocco, 10-1 Borrowby, Pipers Glen, 12-1 others.

8.55 OCHIL HILLS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,624: 1m 4f 31yd) (5)

1 0504 AERIAL VIEW 4 W G M Turner 4-8-11 A Daly (7) 5
2 00-3 IRISH SENOR 69 (G) J Spearing 4-8-9 K Darley 2
3 4453 KIMBERLEY BOY 8 (D,F,S) M Britain 5-8-9 K Fallon 4
4 -005 MASTER FIDDLER 15 E Weymes 5-8-9 G Duffield 1
5 -002 GOODBYE MILLIE 8 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-8-6 R Lappin 3

7-4 Master Fiddler, 3-1 Irish Senor, Kimberley Boy, 5-1 Goodbye Millie, 6-1 Aerial View.

9.25 CASTLE HANDICAP (£2,983: 1m 3f 32yd) (6)

1 2211 MENTALASANYTHIN 2 (F,G,S) A Bailey 6-10-5 (5ex) A Mackay 1
2 3114 GOSPEL SONG 23 (BF,F) W Kemp 3-9-8 K Darley 3
3 -026 DRUMMER HICKS 23 (F,G,S) E Weymes 6-9-6 Dean McKeown 6
4 0623 MONKEY WENCH 15 (BF,F) P Monteith 4-9-3 S Maloney 5
5 1210 LORD ADVOCATE 2 (B,C,D,F,G) D Nolan 7-8-10 (5ex) N Varley (5) 4
6 6050 MISSUS MURHILL 9 (S) N Tinkler 4-8-6 G Duffield 2

5-2 Mentalasanythin, 3-1 Gospel Song, 7-2 Lord Advocate, 5-1 Drummer Hicks, 7-1 Missus Murhill, 8-1 Monkey Wench.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Bailey, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 11, 27.3%; N Tinkler, 4 from 15, 26.7%; P Haslam, 8 from 31, 25.8%; J Berry, 33 from 163, 20.2%; M Hammond, 6 from 30, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; J Carroll, 32 from 147, 21.8%; K Darley, 32 from 147, 21.8%; G Duffield, 19 from 98, 19.4%; J Stack, 4 from 31, 12.9%; K Fallon, 13 from 110, 11.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Edinburgh: 6.55 Frans Lad, Fuzzy. 6.55 Samsung Lovelylady. 7.25 Snitch. 8.25 Cupronickel. Goodwood: 8.05 Rising River. Market Rasen: 6.50 Grimston Park, Popinjay, The Executor. 9.20 Merchant House. Sandown Park: 2.15 Multi Franchise. 3.55 Yoush. Southwell: 3.05 Mareedy. 4.35 Mezzoramio, *Not For Sale. York: 2.40 Call Me I'm Blue. Tenor.*

Adjareli to end Aga Khan's boycott

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE Aga Khan's expected return to British racing at Royal Ascot next week after a self-imposed five-year boycott could get off to a winning start with Adjareli in the St James's Palace Stakes.

Although Corals make the Aga's Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up a 6-1 chance for the group one race on Tuesday his chances are underlined by the bookmaker's decision to make Bahri their 100-30 favourite — although John Dunlop's doubtful stayer finished third behind Spectrum and Adjareli at the Curragh.

The Aga has not had a runner in Britain since 1990 in protest at the drug-testing procedures which led to the disqualification of Aliysa, who finished first in the 1989 Oaks at Epsom. His intention to return to England this season and to have horses in training here next year follows significant changes to the drug testing system, which met the owner-breeder's main concerns.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DOROTHEA BROOKE
(4.30 Sandown Park)
Next best: Rahy Zoman
(3.20 Sandown Park)

Rob Hartnett, the Corals representative, said: "The way Adjareli ran in the Irish Guineas must have tipped the balance for the Aga. He comes *here with a very fair chance of* a making a winning return."

In what appears, on paper, to be an above average running of the St James's Palace Stakes, 13 horses have been declared at the five-day stage and Corals bet: 100-30 Bahri, 4-1 Vettori, 5-1 Annus Mirabilis, 6-1 Adjareli, 8-1 Atticus, 12-1 Charnwood Forest, Flemensfirth, Options Open, 14-1 Petit Poucet, Star Of Zilzal, 20-1 Desert Courier, 33-1 Green Perfume, 50-1 Muhab.

Michael Stoute will definitely *run Star Of Zilzal* but Desert Courier is also entered for the Jersey Stakes while Annus Mirabilis, certain to be suited by the expected fast ground, *might take his chance* in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes earlier in the day.

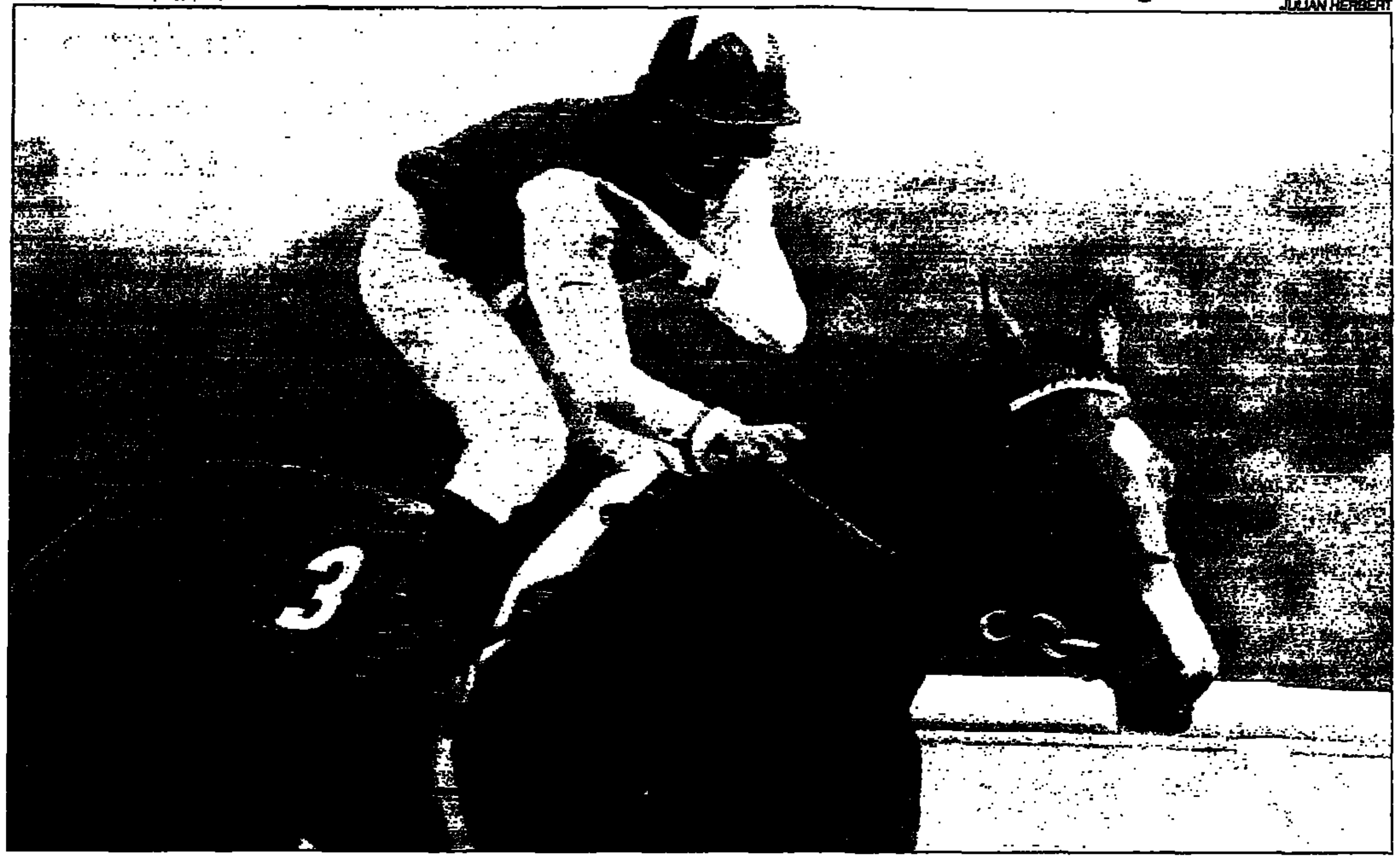
The champion trainer has a solid looking team of runners for Royal Ascot as he attempts to add to an impressive record which has seen him visit the winner's enclosure 26 times since Etienne Gerard won the Jersey Stakes in 1977.

He has endured only three meetings without a winner — 1979, 1984 and 1993 — and leading hopes this year include Soviet Line (Queen *Anne Stakes) Classicy (Britannia),* Blushing Flame (Bessborough), Dance A Dream (Ribblesdale) and Annus Mirabilis in his chosen race. Always Aloof is in the Ascot Stakes, Knave's Ash goes for the Royal Hunt Cup and Gay Gallanta runs in the Coronation Stakes. Dance Sequence will try to reverse Sandown *form with Blue Duster* in the Queen Mary Stakes while Zilzal Zamaan is bound for the Hardwicke Stakes.

After a slow start to the *season, Mark Johnston has* his string in cracking — and record-breaking — form. At Epsom, the Norfolk Stakes-bound Prince Aslia bettered the five-furlong record for two-year-olds, while Double Quick registered the fastest electronically recorded time over five furlongs. Yesterday, it was the turn of Celestial Key to create a *seven-furlong* record when winning the George Smith Memorial Handicap and the Middleham trainer's only regret was not to enter the *progressive five-year-old for* the Royal Hunt Cup next Wednesday.

Nevertheless, Johnston will go to Royal Ascot with a ten-strong team, headed by Double Trigger who many will expect to reverse Yorkshire Cup form with Moonax over the longer 2½-mile trip in the Ascot Gold Cup.

Luca Cumani has a comparatively small Royal Ascot team but the striking five-length victory by Larrocha in yesterday's feature race, the *Ballymacoll Stud Stakes,* bodes well for the Newmarket trainer.


JULIAN HERBERT

Swinburn gives Larrocha a well-deserved pat after her runaway victory in the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes at Newbury yesterday

Princess Oberon poised to continue winning ways

YORK
CHANNEL 4

2.40: The first of four very *tricky handicaps for* armchair punters can see Sea-Deer return to the winner's enclosure after an eye-catching run at Kempton three weeks ago. The Jack Holt-trained sprinter travelled well for a long way behind Humbert's Landing and was not knocked about once beaten. Tony McGlone, who partnered the six-year-old in his four successes last year, is reunited with the selection and he must go well.

Elle Shaped bounced back to form at Chester last week when brought back in trip but all his best form has been on tight and turning tracks. Saint Express should be all the better for his seasonal reappearance at Newmarket 13 days ago, but is 10lb higher in the handicap than when winning this race last year.

3.10: How's Yer Father bounced back to his best form when just failing to win under top weight at Folkestone recently. The Ron Hodges-trained sprinter invariably runs well here but is 4lb out of the handicap.

Ziggy's Dancer has shown markedly improved form on *his last three runs,* on tracks with a stiff finish, and he beat Ya Malak in a strongly run *race at Beverley last time.* However, preference is for **Princess Oberon,** now that she has returned to winning ways. In foal to Selkirk, she stays this trip despite winning all her races over the minimum distance. This fast track should be ideal.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.40: With the exception of the front-running Thaleros, most of these like to be held up. However, that hardy veteran Highflying made the running at Ripon last time in a race where there were no pace setters. This unappealing event could turn into a sprint *and the ability to* quicken will be crucial. **Blue Blazer,** from Ben Hanbury's Newmarket yard, is running over his best trip and this *represents a drop in class.* Highflying is arguably better over further; Sugar Mill is still a maiden while Strictly Personal and Augustan have shown little of late.

4.10: Star Rage, winner of nine races last year for the in-form Mark Johnston, made an encouraging reappearance at Beverley eight days ago over an inadequate 12 furlongs. He should should step up on that run despite being 4lb out of the handicap. Blaze Away and Trans Siberia step back in trip and preference is for **Arctic Thunder.** Twice a winner here, the Lady Herries-trained gelding tackles this distance for the first time but his style of running suggests he may improve for the trip. Wishing has claims on his best form but was disappointing at *Epsom last week.*

Richard Evans

Herries: high hopes

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
6.50 Duggan. 7.20 Gemikosix. 7.50 Castle Blue. 8.20 Bally Parson. 8.50 Scud Missile. 9.20 Sharp Sensation.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT) SIS

6.50 BAY CITY ROLLERS SUMMER FESTIVAL SELLING HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 1f 110yd) (15 runners)

1	U01-	CAPTAIN TANDY 32 (D,F,S) J White 8-11-9	N Williamson
2	325-	THE EXECUTOR 14 (V,D,F) M Pipe 5-11-9	D Bridgwater
3	0P0-	CASTLERICHARDKING 15 (D,G) K Bridgwater 10-11-4	D Leahy (3)
4	030-	CRIMINAL RECORD 22 (V,F) W Clay 5-11-4	M A Fitzgerald
5	P2-0	ELECTRIC COMMITTEE 8 (G) P Monteith 5-11-4	T Jenks
6	23-3	INNOCENT GEORGE 8 (CD,G) Miss L Siddall 8-11-4	A Thornton
7	/3P-	MASTER GLEN 209 (G) G Oldroyd 7-11-4	P Midgley (3)
8	013-	OWENS DELIGHT 22 (D,F) R Frost 5-11-4	J Frost
9	04P-	SODA POPINSKI 27 (B,G) J L Harris 7-11-4	Richard Guest
10	006-	DUGGAN 15F (D,S) P Evans 8-10-13	A P McCoy
11	F-	M'BEBE 22 G Fierro 5-10-13	R Massey (5)
12	P0-	RANTER 20 H Alexander 7-10-13	D Thomas (7)
13	800-	GRIMSTON PARK 56 (B) J Wharton 7-10-8	B Lee (5)
14	33-	LADY CONFESS 14 J Upson 5-10-8	J Supple (3)
15	60-5	NANDURA 5 Miss A Embiricos 4-10-3	J Ryan

4-1 Captain Tandy, 5-1 The Executor, 6-1 Duggan, 7-1 Lady Confess, 8-1 Electric Committee, Innocent George, 10-1 Criminal Record, 12-1 others.

7.20 AEG NOVICES HURDLE (£2,902: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)

1	311-	GEMIKOSIX 28 (F,S) Mrs K Walton 5-11-5	J Callaghan
2	001-	OSCAL AN DORAS 18 (F) F Murphy 6-11-5	D Gallagher
3	425-	JOLIS ABSENT 22 M Ryan 5-10-9	J Ryan
4	0P0-	BILLYTOBINSLAD 48 Mrs V Aconley 4-10-8	D Byrne
5	302-	BLAIR CASTLE 13 G Balding 4-10-8	A P McCoy
6	03-4	TANCRED MISCHIEF 8 W Barker 4-10-3	R Supple

2-1 Gemikosix, 9-4 Oscal An Doras, 4-1 Jolis Absent, Blair Castle, 10-1 Tancred Mischief, 16-1 Billytobinslad.

7.50 M D FOODS FARMERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,159: 3m 1f) (10)

1	35-2	SWORD BEACH 6 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-12-0	P Niven
2	114-	DOONLOUGHAN 13 (D,F,G) G Balding 10-11-7	A P McCoy
3	441-	CASTLE BLUE 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Henderson 8-11-0	M A Fitzgerald
4	4F-5	SNEAKAPENNY 6 (F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 13-10-12	J R Kavanagh
5	2P1-	BRAVE DEFENDER 15 (D,F,G) J White 11-10-9	N Williamson
6	/P-	MASTER CORNET 13 (CD,F,G) W Bethell 10-10-9	A S Smith
7	235-	BANNTOWN BILL 18 (V,G,S) M Pipe 6-10-8	D Bridgwater
8	U45-	K C'S DANCER 15 (D,F,S) R Dickin 10-10-4	D Meredith
9	/P-0	CARDINAL RALPH 5 (B,G) Miss A Embiricos 11-10-0	J Ryan
10	452-	LADY BLAKENEY 17 (F,G) B Rothwell 9-10-0	R Supple

9-4 Castle Blue, 5-2 Sword Beach, 6-1 Doonloughan, 7-1 Banntown Bill, 8-1 Brave Defender, Sneakapenny, 10-1 Lady Blakeney, 16-1 others.

8.20 COLIN BOOTH TRANSPORT SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP CHASE (£7,035: 2m 4f) (7)

SKY

1	11-0	BALLY PARSON 6 (C,D,F,G) R Dickin 9-11-10	D Meredith
2	3P-1	SOHAIL 8 (C,D,F,G,S) J White 12-11-8 (5ex)	M A Fitzgerald
3	332-	PHILIP'S WOODY 15 (D,F,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-5	J R Kavanagh
4	12-U	KIVETON TYCOON 6 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) J Glover 6-11-5	A S Smith
5	121-	MILS MIJ 17 (D,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 10-11-3	P Niven
6	46-3	STEPFASTER 6 (CD,F,G) Miss L Siddall 10-10-2	A Thornton
7	F41-	POPPETS PET 62 (D,F,G) J Mullins 8-10-0	S Curran (3)

3-1 Sohail, 4-1 Bally Parson, 9-2 Kiveton Tycoon, 5-1 Mils Mij, 6-1 Philip's Woody, 8-1 Poppets Pet, 12-1 Stepfaster.

8.50 M D FOODS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,116: 2m 3f 110yd) (14)

1	361-	ABALENE 13 (F,G) T Donnelly 6-11-10	T Eley (3)
2	331-	MASTER BRACKEN 18 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5	P Niven
3	360-	SAFETY 15 (F,G) J White 8-11-5	D Bohan (7)
4	50-1	DESERT FORCE 5 (B,F,G,S) G Fierro 6-11-1 (4ex)	B Clifford
5	P51-	TIR NA NOG 15 (F,G) Miss L Shally 6-11-0	R Massey (5)
6	341/	ALLUMAC KOMIS 21F (C,F,G) I Campbell 6-10-10	M A Fitzgerald
7	124-	SCUD MISSILE 16F (F) G Johnson Houghton 4-10-10	A Thornton
8	11-2	ROYAL CITIZEN 6 (BF,F,G) J Bottomley 6-10-10	D Byrne
9	450-	TRISTAN'S COMET 60 (C,G,S) J L Harris 8-10-9	Richard Guest
10	020-	MOOBAKKR 23 (C,G) K Morgan 4-10-9	A S Smith
11	0F4-	OZZIE JONES 20 (F) M Chapman 4-10-8	W Worthington
12	22-4	POLDEN PRIDE 8 (D,F) G Balding 7-10-0	A P McCoy
13	P08-	COMANECI 15 (G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0	W Humphreys
14	090-	STYLISH GENT 22 (F,G) G Oldroyd 8-10-0	P Midgley (3)

7-2 Master Bracken, 4-1 Royal Citizen, 5-1 Polden Pride, 6-1 Abalene, 7-1 Desert Force, 8-1 Scud Missile, 12-1 Tir Na Nog, Tristan's Comet, 14-1 others

9.20 BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,425: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1	11-F	TASHREEF 7 (B,F,S) J Birkett 5-11-10	Richard Guest
2	2P1-	SHARP SENSATION 17 (F) W Barker 5-11-8	G Harker
3	521-	DUBAI FALCON 15 (F) R Dickin 4-11-6	D Meredith
4	0P-0	KLEINELEABA 8 Mrs F White 6-10-8	Miss S White
5	065-	GREY SEASON 18 W Clay 6-10-5	Diane Clay
6	PP-0	MERCHANT HOUSE 5 (B) G Fierro 7-10-5	B Clifford
7	/85-	SPIDERS DELIGHT 17 T Cuthbert 7-10-2	K Johnson

7-4 Sharp Sensation, 2-1 Dubai Falcon, 3-1 Tashreef, 10-1 Grey Season, 16-1 Spiders Delight, Merchant House, 25-1 Kleineleaba.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 63, 30.2%; M Pipe, 10 from 35, 28.6%; F Murphy, 5 from 21, 23.8%; M Ryan, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J Upson, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 11 winners from 35 rides, 31.4%; P Niven, 20 from 82, 24.4%; G McCourt, 13 from 59, 22%; J Ryan, 7 from 42, 16.7%; D Byrne, 9 from 57, 15.8%; K Johnson, 6 from 44, 13.6%; A S Smith, 12 from 90, 13.3%.

☐ Brendan Powell yesterday lost his appeal against a ten-day riding suspension imposed at Worcester last Saturday.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.30 Chillam. 3.05 Who's The Best. 3.35 PC's Cruiser. 4.05 Oneoftheoldones. 4.35 Big Chance. *5.10 Chadwell Hall.*

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 7F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 RUBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,519: 5f) (8 runners)

1	0	CHILLAM 18 J Leigh 9-0	Dean McKeown 3
2	03	EBONY BOY 14 J Wharton 9-0	A Mackay 4
3		LAWNSWOOD CAPTAIN R Hollinshead 9-0	T Ives 5
4	8250	GAGAJULU 9 P Evans 8-9	G Hind 6
5		L A TOUCH John Berry 8-9	C Dwyer 7
6	00	MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 21 N Tinkler 8-9	Kim Tinkler 2
7		PAPER MAZE J A Harris 8-9	S D Williams 1
8		TIME CLASH B Palling 8-9	T Sprake 8

7-4 Ebony Boy, 9-4 L A Touch, 4-1 Gagajulu, 5-1 Paper Maze, 8-1 Lawnswood Captain, 10-1 Time Clash, 12-1 others.

3.05 DIAMOND CLAIMING STAKES (£2,519: 1m 6f) (9)

1	00-0	PERFECT ENDING 25 C Cyzer 4-9-7	Dean McKeown 6
2	52-1	REACH FOR GLORY 14 (F,G) W G M Turner 6-8-9	T Ives 8
3	5303	WHO'S THE BEST 8 (C,F,G) A Jarvis 5-8-9	D Wright (3) 5
4	00-0	MARAADY 6 (V) G Enright 6-8-7	N Adams 9
5	6340	SCALP 'EM 20 (D,F,G) P Evans 7-8-7	G Hind 2
6	3430	ROSE OF GLENN 105 (D,F,G) B Palling 4-8-6	T Sprake 1
7	04-0	VAYELLO 8 (D,F) C Smith 4-8-5	Dale Gibson 4
8	55-0	BRUSQUE 35 (S) E Incisa 11-8-1	Kim Tinkler 7
9	0404	ANN HILL 15 (F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-0	A Garth (3) 3

6-4 Reach For Glory, 2-1 Who's The Best, 5-2 Scalp 'Em, 10-1 Perfect Ending, 12-1 Rose Of Glenn, Ann Hill, 14-1 Vayello, 16-1 others.

3.35 LANGLEY MECHANICAL HANDICAP (£3,023: 7f) (11)

1	-555	DOM PENNION 16 (D,G) R Guest 4-10-0	C Webb (7) 5
2	2431	FLASHFEET 14 (D,G) K Bishop 5-9-12	M Wigham 4
3	2260	TYRONE FLYER 7 (B,CD,G,S) G Fierro 6-9-11	G Faulkner (7) 6
4	0306	QUINZII MARTIN 10 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 7-9-11	A Mackay 11
5	4621	WHAT A NIGHTMARE 8 (B,CD,G) J Glover 3-9-11 (6ex)	T Ives 8
6	2520	KOMIAMAITE 10 (B) S Bowring 3-9-6	C Teague (5) 7
7	0-00	JUST FLAMENCO 4 (S) M Ryan 4-9-5	D Biggs 3
8	3520	PC'S CRUISER 13 (C,G) M Chapman 3-9-2	Dale Gibson 1
9	3200	SWINGING TICH 48J (C,G) A Forbes 6-9-0	S D Williams 10
10	0236	WELLSY LAD 8 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-6	Dean McKeown 9
11	4446	JOYFUL TIMES 17 (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-1	Claire Balding 2

4-1 Dom Pennion, 9-2 What A Nightmare, 5-1 Flashfeet, 6-1 Tyrone Flyer, 7-1 Just Flamenco, 8-1 Quinzii Martin, Komiamaite, 10-1 others.

4.05 LATHAM (MIDLAND)/CABERBOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,245: 1m) (9)

1	0-00	CALL ME FLASH 18 Mrs P Sly 9-0	A Culhane 5
2	4	CALL TOPHORSE 118 P Haslam 9-0	Dean McKeown 4
3	5	HALFABOB 46 D Haydn Jones 9-0	A Mackay 1
4	0-0	NESSUN DORO 11 S Mellor 9-0	M Wigham 7
5	33-5	ONEOFTHEOLDONES 52 S Norton 9-0	C Dwyer 9
6		ROCK SCENE R Hollinshead 9-0	T Ives 2
7	0	CAMPASPE 20 J Fitzgerald 8-9	F Norton 6
8	00-	GIFTED 284 E Incisa 8-9	Kim Tinkler 3
9	0	TRULY MADLY DEEPLY 26 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	T G McLaughlin 8

Evens Oneoftheoldones, 5-2 Call Tophorse, 4-1 Nessun Doro, 7-1 Rock Scene, 14-1 Call Me Flash, 16-1 Truly Madly Deeply, 20-1 others.

4.35 PEARL SELLING HANDICAP (£2,243: 1m) (16)

1	15/0	ALDWICK COLONNADE 8 (D,F,G) M Usher 8-9-13	R Price 9
2	0000	TITANIUM HONDA 11 (C,G) C Brittain 4-9-6	Emma O'Gorman 13
3	0-06	TAKEAPULL 8 J Balding 3-9-5	J Edmunds (7) 15
4	4-43	MEZZORAMIO 14 (V) K Morgan 3-9-1	Dean McKeown 16
5	000/	REIGNING ROYAL 16J D Burchell 4-9-0	A Procter (5) 4
6	6804	PUFFY 10 (V,F,G,S) M Dods 8-9-0	Dale Gibson 12
7	5350	DEATH BY CHOCOLATE 83 A Forbes 3-8-12	S D Williams 6
8	0505	CALISAR 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Howling 5-8-11	D Wright (3) 14
9	0000	SWYNFORD FLYER 21 (CD,F,G) J A Harris 6-8-10	D Biggs 3
10	00-5	NOT FOR SALE 126 (B) J Wharton 4-8-9	C Teague (5) 8
11	0-33	MUDLARK 13 (B) J Watts 3-8-9	M Wigham 11
12	0-03	TORREY PINES 62 D Haydn Jones 3-8-8	A Mackay 10
13	0-40	BIG CHANCE 10 (D,S) W Musson 6-8-7	T Ives 7
14	0050	MR MORIARTY 8 (B) S Bowring 4-8-2	N Kennedy 5
15	-020	HUNZA STORY 62 N Littmoden 3-8-2	T G McLaughlin 1
16	000-	WESSHAUN 60P W G M Turner 5-8-1	T Sprake 2

2-1 Mudlark, 11-4 Torrey Pines, 6-1 Calisar, 8-1 Puffy, 12-1 Wesshaun, 14-1 Titanium Honda, 16-1 Aldwick Colonnade, 20-1 others.

5.10 EMERALD HANDICAP (£2,519: 5f) (14)

1	0164	SING WITH THE BAND 8 (CD,G) B McMahon 4-9-13	F Norton 12
2	1522	CHADWELL HALL 8 (B,D,G) S Bowring 4-9-10	C Teague (5) 13
3	6-00	MALIBU MAN 11 S Mellor 3-9-0	T Sprake 10
4	5060	ARC LAMP 130 (CD,F,G) J Glover 9-9-0	S D Williams 3
5	4033	ANNIE FAY 9 (D,F) J L Harris 3-8-12	R Price 9
6	0530	MOST UPPITTY 20 (D,F) J Berry 3-8-11	Joanne Webster (7) 6
7	4000	CHEERFUL GROOM 7 (F) J Mackie 4-8-5	E Johnson 5
8	56-0	VENGAN 10 D Haydn Jones 3-8-4	D Wright (3) 4
9	4600	GREY TOPPA 11 (D,F,G) N Littmoden 4-8-3	T G McLaughlin 11
10	4500	CHEEKY CHAPPY 17 (B) D Chapman 4-8-2	J Bramhill (7) 8
11	6-00	YOUNGER DAYS 17 M Wane 4-8-2	A Culhane 2
12	3400	TOMMY TEMPEST 9 (B,D,G,S) R Peacock 6-7-11	Dale Gibson 1
13	6000	ONEINEVERYCOLOUR 21 (D,F) P Evans 3-7-9	Amanda Sanders (7) 7
14	0-00	COME ON WINN 9 Miss S Wilton 3-7-7	N Kennedy 14

11-4 Annie Fay, 3-1 Chadwell Hall, 4-1 Sing With The Band, 9-2 Cheerful Groom, 5-1 Most Uppitty, 10-1 Cheeky Chappy, 12-1 Arc Lamp, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Watts, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; W Musson, 7 from 32, 21.9%; S Norton, 34 from 165, 20.6%; M Ryan, 12 from 64, 18.8%; J Berry, 36 from 225, 16.0%; C Brittain, 7 from 47, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives, 17 winners from 90 rides, 18.9%; D Biggs, 33 from 195, 16.9%; Emma O'Gorman, 31 from 212, 14.6%; Dean McKeown, 36 from 289, 12.5%; G Hind, 10 from 81, 12.3%; C Teague, 7 from 64, 10.9%.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.15 Hoodoo. 2.50 Detachment. 3.20 Special Dawn. 3.55 Malandros. 4.30 TILAAL (nap). 5.00 Lord High Admiral. *5.35 Broughtons Formula.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Rahy Zoman. 4.30 HADEYYA RAMZEYAH (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 ROSEMARY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,501: 5f 6yd) (8 runners)

101	(8)		FOREST ROBIN R Johnson Houghton 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
102	(1)	5	HAUTE CUISINE 37 J Berry 9-0	G Carter	–
103	(3)		HOODOO R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	–
104	(2)	00	MULTI FRANCHISE 28 (B) B Gubby 9-0	A Whelan (5)	83
105	(5)		OSCAR ROSE Lord Huntingdon 9-0	D Harrison	–
106	(6)		WARNING TIME B Meehan 9-0	B Doyle	–
107	(7)	54	RUMBA RHYTHM 27 J Hills 8-9	R Hills	98
108	(4)	3	SHINING CLOUD 14 L Cottrell 8-9	L Dettori	[illegible]

3-1 Hoodoo, 7-2 Oscar Rose, 4-1 Shining Cloud, 9-2 Rumba Rhythm, 7-1 Forest Robin, 8-1 Haute Cuisine, 10-1 others.

2.50 LOGITECH MOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,566: 7f 16yd) (11)

201	(3)		CANONS PARK I Balding 9-0	M Hills	–
202	(2)		DETACHMENT P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	B Thomson	–
203	(5)		FLYING PENNANT R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	–
204	(11)		INFLUENCE PEDLER G Rimmer 9-0	M Rimmer	–
205	(9)		MINSTERBEACH C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	–
206	(6)		MOYLOUGH REBEL Mrs M Long 9-0	J Williams	–
207	(7)	052	NAVIGATE 7 R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
208	(4)		POMMARD J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	–
209	(1)		STAR OF RING M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	Stephen Davies	–
210	(8)		WARNING REEF M Channon 9-0	R Hughes	–
211	(10)	00	YOUNG BUTT 20 J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0	R Cochrane	68

2-1 Detachment, 4-1 Navigate, 9-2 Pommard, 6-1 Flying Pennant, Canons Park, 7-1 Warning Reef, 8-1 others.

3.20 CHEQUERS HANDICAP (£7,035: 1m 2f 7yd) (6)

301	(2)	10-6	GREEN CRUSADER 26 (V,D,S) M Stoute 4-9-12	W R Swinburn	94
302	(3)	1-10	SPECIAL DAWN 41 (CD,BF,F,S) J Dunlop 5-9-2	Pat Eddery	98
303	(5)	10-0	AEROKING 49 (C,G) G Harwood 4-9-2	A Clark	89
304	(6)	5-60	MENTOR 56 (S) R Charlton 3-8-9	M Hills	95
305	(4)	22-1	RAHY ZOMAN 22 (F) J Fanshawe 3-8-5	D Harrison	[illegible]
306	(1)	-425	MIHRIZ 13 (F) W Hern 3-8-3	R Hills	98

11-4 Special Dawn, 3-1 Rahy Zoman, 4-1 Green Crusader, Mihriz, 6-1 Aeroking, 7-1 Mentor.

3.55 C GORDON MEDLEN AND SONIA P COE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£5,550: 7f 16yd) (10)

401	(1)	-506	SHEFOOG 28 (D,S) R Armstrong 3-9-12	L Dettori	92
402	(6)	0-05	WEATHER BREAK 9 (F) H Candy 4-9-11	W Newnes	90
403	(9)	1-00	JIBEREEN 24 (G,S) G Lewis 3-9-11	Pat Eddery	97
404	(7)	-000	LOMAS 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 4-9-11	Dane O'Neill (7)	[illegible]
405	(3)	4010	MALANDROS 29 (D,F,G) R Charlton 3-9-6	D Harrison	96
406	(2)	1-64	WARNING SHOT 13 (C,S) M Meade 3-9-4	V Slattery	96
407	(4)	00/	DASWAKI 594 (CD,F,G,S) G L Moore 7-9-0	L Suthern (7)	–
408	(5)	0113	VELOCE 8 (V,D,F,G) A Bailey 7-8-13	G Carter	95
409	(10)	94-0	BON LUCK 13 R Akehurst 3-8-6	S Sanders (3)	–
410	(3)	000	YOSIF 17 (B) R Hannon 3-7-8	J Quinn	93

7-2 Malandros, 9-2 Bon Luck, 6-1 Shefoog, Warning Shot, Veloce, 8-1 Jibereen, Weather Break, 10-1 others.

4.30 JUNE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,891: 1m 2f 7yd) (12)

501	(12)		BEQUEATH H Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
502	(6)	00-6	CUBA 20 M Stoute 9-0	G Carter	–
503	(7)	2	HADEYYA RAMZEYAH 20 A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	92
504	(2)	00-	KNAVE OF DIAMONDS 216 R Hodges 9-0	S Drowne (5)	–
505	(5)	05	LUCKY QUEST 10 N Graham 9-0	J Williams	77
506	(11)	0	PRETORIA DANCER 10 J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	74
507	(3)	00	RED DRAGON 17 G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	–
508	(9)	55-	STAR OF PERSIA 248 P Harris 9-0	A Clark	75
509	(10)	3	TILAAL 48 E Dunlop 9-0	W R Swinburn	80
510	(8)	35-3	DOROTHEA BROOKE 18 P Harris 8-9	R Cochrane	[illegible]
511	(4)	4	NASHOTAH 28 J Fanshawe 8-9	D Harrison	86
512	(1)	00	RED MORNING 13 D Elsworth 8-9	B Doyle	75

11-4 Tilaal, 7-2 Hadeyya Ramzeyah, 4-1 Bequeath, 5-1 Dorothea Brooke, 8-1 Nashotah, 10-1 Cuba, 12-1 others.

5.00 MORE LANE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,866: 5f 6yd) (7)

601	(2)	0301	LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 20 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 7-9-10	M Roberts	93
602	(4)	-542	DASHING DANCER 13 R Akehurst 4-9-3	L Dettori	65
603	(6)	-305	SORBNSKY 23 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-3	G Carter	[illegible]
604	(3)	-000	METAL BOYS 13 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 8-9-0	D Harrison	76
605	(1)	-403	SAXON KING 9 M Usher 5-9-0	R Street	51
606	(7)	-000	STORM BIDDER 20 (B) B Gubby 4-8-12	A Whelan (5)	–
607	(5)	5201	HARRY'S COMING 9 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 11-8-11	S Drowne (5)	68

4-5 Lord High Admiral, 4-1 Dashing Dancer, 7-1 Harry's Coming, 8-1 Sorbnsky, Metal Boys, 12-1 Saxon King, 20-1 Storm Bidder

5.35 ESHER PLACE HANDICAP (£3,193: 1m 3f 91yd) (11)

1	(2)	0011	ALLESCA 8 (CD,F,G,S) M Usher 5-10-2 (5ex)	C Adamson (7)	92
2	(6)	40-6	PEACHES POLLY 9 G Rimmer 5-9-13	M Hills	[illegible]
3	(4)	1632	BOOKCASE 16 (BF,F,G,S) D Elsworth 8-9-11	J Williams	94
4	(1)	-000	NO SPEECHES 20 C Cyzer 4-9-8	M Rimmer	98
5	(5)	0/00	PULMICORT 4 (B,D,S) P Burgoyne 5-9-5	R Cochrane	91
6	(10)	0000	HIGH FIVE 16 (G) D Wilson 5-8-13	G Carter	97
7	(11)	-035	ROCK THE BARNEY 17 (G) P Burgoyne 6-8-13	D R McCabe (3)	93
8	(3)	5442	FATHER DAN 11 (D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-12	S Drowne (5)	98
9	(8)	00/0	BELGRAN 18 (F,G) W Brisbourne 6-8-10	D Griffiths (5)	–
10	(5)	0063	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 11 (G) W Musson 5-8-10	J Quinn	95
11	(7)	-060	LUNAR RISK 6 (F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-8-4	S Sanders (3)	83

7-2 Allesca, 4-1 Bookcase, 9-2 Father Dan, 5-1 Rock The Barney, Broughtons *Formula, 12-1 Belgran, 14-1 Peaches Polly, 16-1 others.*

YORK

THUNDERER

2.10 Honfleur	3.40 Sugar Mill
2.40 Name The Tune	4.10 Wishing
	4.45 Amazing Bay
3.10 How's Yer Father	5.20 Rosy Hue

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.10 Trans Siberia.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING. GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 MARKETING WEEK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,425: 1m 3f 195yd) (5 runners)

1	(1)	0	CORRADINI 56 (H Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	[illegible]
2	(5)	2432-4	CRYSTAL BLADE 13 (Godolphin) I Balding 9-0	K Darley	[illegible]
3	(4)	50-6	TAKLIF 56 (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	W Carson	97
4	(3)		HONFLEUR (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	J Reid	–
5	(2)	0-	VANDOLA 346 (D Fay) P Howling 8-9	Paul Eddery	–

BETTING: 9-4 Taklif, 5-2 Honfleur, Corradini, 3-1 Crystal Blade, 50-1 Vandola.

1994: DOUBLE DAGGER 9-0 A McGlone (5-4f) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL BLADE 10¾l 4th of 9 to Pedraza in Newmarket maiden (1m 2f good). TAKLIF 10l 6th of 15 to Tamure in Newbury maiden (1m 3f, good to firm) with CORRADINI 15l 12th. HONFLEUR: Sister by Sadler's Wells to 1994 Arc de Triomphe winner Carnegie; dam top-class middle-distance performer, winner of the Arc de Triomphe.
Selection: TAKLIF

2.40 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (£8,025: 5f) (13 runners)

C4

1	(4)	31206-2	SAINT EXPRESS 13 (CD,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-5	K Darley	96
2	(12)	424-010	ASHTINA 5 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Joynes) R Hodges 10-9-13	J Reid	94
3	(9)	3-00606	CALL ME I'M BLUE 13 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-11	W Carson	92
4	(1)	1102-00	SEA-DEER 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Cook) L Holt 6-9-10	A McGlone	95
5	(13)	1142-40	CROFTERS CEILIDH 13 (CD,F) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 3-9-9	T Quinn	89
6	(8)	000-030	MAGIC PEARL 30 (D,S) (G Sanderson) E Alston 5-8-11	D Holland	95
7	(2)	00-0010	BENZOE 22 (C,BF,F,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11	K Fallon	94
8	(6)	443224	NAME THE TUNE 13 (D,BF,G,S) (C Hammond) P Howling 4-8-10	Paul Eddery	97
9	(3)	2000-00	ALLWIGHT THEN 17 (D,G) (P Cosgrove) F Lee 4-8-7	J Weaver	94
10	(7)	226-100	HICKORY BLUE 11 (V,D,F) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-5	Amanda Sanders (7)	97
11	(10)	304015	ELLE SHAPED 3 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 5-8-4 (7ex)	Alex Greaves	[illegible]
12	(5)	066450	TENOR 11 (B,D,G) (G Thompson) D Nicholls 4-7-12	C Rutter	95
13	(11)	40-3112	LADY SHERIFF 7 (B,D,BF,F,G) (E Mangan) M W Easterby 4-7-7 (7ex)	G Bardwell	92

Long handicap: Lady Sheriff 7-6

BETTING: 5-1 Allwight Then, 6-1 Saint Express, 7-1 Lady Sheriff, 8-1 Ashtina, Name The Tune, Call Me I'm Blue, 10-1 others.

1994: SAINT EXPRESS 4-9-0 J Weaver (13-2) M Channon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAINT EXPRESS ¾l 2nd of 10 to Princess Oberon in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good) with NAME *THE TUNE (5lb better off)* 3l 4th and *CALL ME I'M BLUE* (6lb better off) about 4l 6th. ASHTINA beat Jayannpee 1l in 9-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with MAGIC PEARL (8lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. SEA-DEER 3¾l 7th of 10 to Humbert's Landing in handicap at Kempton (6f good to firm) with ELLE SHAPED 4l 8th. ALLWIGHT THEN 1½l 2nd of 5 to Shadow Jury in handicap at Redcar (5f, firm). HICKORY BLUE best effort this season beat Bashful Brave 2l in 15-runner handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). ELLE SHAPED beat White Sorrel 3l in 13-runner handicap at Chester (5f good) on penultimate start. LADY SHERIFF neck 2nd of 13 to Mazzarello in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good).
Selection: SAINT EXPRESS

3.10 INNOVATIVE MARKETING SPRINT RATED HANDICAP (£13,326: 6f) (10 runners)

C4

1	(6)	000-135	MASTER PLANNER 13 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-7	K Darley	91
2	(10)	512-521	DARING DESTINY 34 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Wright) K Burke 4-9-6	J Tate (3)	83
3	(3)	160-326	JAYANNPEE 5 (D,F,G) (J Panacca) I Balding 4-9-5	W Ryan	91
4	(8)	210121	ZIGGY'S DANCER 24 (D,F,G) (J Barry) E Alston 4-8-13	K Fallon	[illegible]
5	(5)	2520-50	CROESO-I-CYMRU 13 (D,F) (Mrs P Evans) B McMahon 4-8-13	J Fortune	90
6	(4)	00-2150	DOMULLA 6 (D,G,S) (A Boon) R Akehurst 5-8-11	T Quinn	89
7	(1)	400-006	AMRON 31 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 8-8-10	N Carlisle	90
8	(9)	0340-01	PRINCESS OBERON 13 (F,G) (R Michaelson) M Bell 5-8-7	M Fenton	93
9	(7)	1-00062	HOW'S YER FATHER 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm Centre) R Hodges 9-9-7	J Reid	94
10	(2)	10-1026	CHEYENNE SPIRIT 20 (D,F,G) (C Mauritzon) B Hanbury 3-8-4	W Carson	92

Long handicap: How's Yer Father 8-3

BETTING: 4-1 Daring Destiny, 5-1 Master Planner, Princess Oberon, 6-1 Ziggy's Dancer, How's Yer Father, 7-1 Jayannpee, 8-1 others.

1994: ROGER THE BUTLER 4-9-3 M Fenton (5-1) M Bell 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER PLANNER short-head and 2¾l 3rd of 13 to Venture Capitalist in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start, with AMRON (1lb better off) 2¾l 6th. DARING DESTINY beat CHEYENNE SPIRIT (6lb better off) 2l in 5-runner listed race at Lingfield (7f, firm). JAYANNPEE 1l 2nd of 9 to Ashtina in handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ZIGGY'S DANCER beat Ya Malak 3½l in conditions race at Beverley (5f, firm). PRINCESS OBERON beat Saint Express ¾l in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). HOW'S YER FATHER neck 2nd of 11 to Aragrove in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good).
Selection: ZIGGY'S DANCER

3.40 SHEPHERD CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£4,935: 1m 3f 195yd) (7 runners)

C4

1	(2)	203-123	BLUE BLAZER 20 (D,G,S) (McHalapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 5-10-0	P Bowe (3)	94
2	(4)	040-621	HIGHFLYING 16 (CD,F,G,S) (B Batey) G Moore 9-10-0	A Daly (3)	[illegible]
3	(5)	56505/5	REDSTELLA 6 (S) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 6-9-8	P Roberts	90
4	(3)	300	SUGAR MILL 16 (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12	G Parkin	91
5	(1)	/25/0-30	STRICTLY PERSONAL 15 (G) (Mrs J Maloney) M Barnes 5-8-10	G Mitchell (3)	88
6	(6)	502030	AUGUSTAN 6 (F) (Nilesh Unadkat) S Gollings 4-8-10	V Halliday	95
7	(7)	330006	THALEROS 39 (D,G) (M Gleason) G Moore 5-8-9	S Lanigan (3)	96

BETTING: 9-4 Highflying, 11-4 Blue Blazer, 7-2 Sugar Mill, 9-2 Redstella, 10-1 Augustan, 14-1 Thaleros, 40-1 Strictly Personal.

1994: HALKOPOUS 8-9-6 S Mulvey (9-1) M Tompkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE BLAZER 5¼l 3rd of 7 to Chatham Island in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). HIGHFLYING beat Moonlight Quest 3l in 7-runner handicap at Ripon (2m, good to firm). REDSTELLA about 5¾l 5th of 9 to My Learned Friend in handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 110yd, good). SUGAR MILL best effort this season when 11¼l 3rd of 16 to Al Szleer in maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm). STRICTLY PERSONAL 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Mad Militant in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. AUGUSTAN about 7¼l 5th of 21 to Casual Water in lady riders' race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good).
Selection: HIGHFLYING

4.10 WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE RATED HANDICAP (£7,790: 1m 5f 194yd) (7 runners)

C4

1	(2)	210-613	ARCTIC THUNDER 28 (C,BF,F,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 4-9-7	K Darley	96
2	(6)	00-1025	WISHING 7 (F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-4	T Quinn	95
3	(4)	221026-	LOMBARDIC 196J (F) (Bonusprint) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-13	J Reid	91
4	(1)	600-204	GEORGE DILLINGHAM 13 (D,F,G) (J Blair) Denys Smith 5-8-9	J Fortune	[illegible]
5	(3)	311-021	TRANS SIBERIA 20 (D,F,G,S) (N Lasky) S Woods 4-8-7	W Ryan	95
6	(7)	42-3154	BLAZE AWAY 20 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-7	W Carson	96
7	(5)	36062-5	STAR RAGE 8 (F,G) (J Abell) M Johnston 5-8-7	D Holland	94

Long handicap: Blaze Away 8-5, Star Rage 8-3

BETTING: 11-4 Trans Siberia, 3-1 Arctic Thunder, 9-2 Blaze Away, 5-1 Star Rage, 6-1 Lombardic, 8-1 Wishing, George Dillingham

1994: FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 5-9-3 G Carter (15-2) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC THUNDER beat Blue Blazer 2½l in 10-runner handicap here (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with GEORGE DILLINGHAM (8lb better off) 12½l 7th. WISHING neck 2nd of 6 to Mercadier in handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, firm) on penultimate start. LOMBARDIC 4l 2nd of 9 to Corgach in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. GEORGE DILLINGHAM about 1¾l last of 4 to Highbrook in handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good to firm). TRANS SIBERIA beat New Reputation head in 6-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). BLAZE AWAY best effort this term beat Pride Of May neck in 13-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to firm). STAR RAGE about 2¾l 5th of 11 to Rapanus in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: ARCTIC THUNDER (nap)

4.45 UNIVERSITY OF YORK ATHLETIC UNION CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £5,252: 6f) (3 runners)

1	(2)	1	AMAZING BAY 27 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	W Ryan	96
2	(1)	51	LIKE A HAWK 23 (D,G) (B Jones) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	[illegible]
3	(3)	16	ROYAL CEILIDH 9 (G) (Carlton Appointments Ltd) Denys Smith 9-0	J Fortune	95

BETTING: 4-5 Amazing Bay, Evens Like A Hawk, 8-1 Royal Ceilidh.

1994: LOVELY MILLIE 9-0 G Carter (4-5 fav) D Loder 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMAZING BAY beat Watch Me 1l in 11-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). LIKE A HAWK beat Comanche Quest 3l in 11-runner maiden at Salisbury (6f, good). ROYAL CEILIDH beat Largheto 1¼l in 6-runner maiden at Newcastle (5f good) on penultimate start.
Selection: AMAZING BAY

5.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,242: 1m 2f 85yd) (3 runners)

1	(2)	3	YARROW 17 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	90
2	(3)	0-3	ROSY HUE 13 (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) R Charlton 8-9	J Weaver	[illegible]
3	(1)	0	SAN PIETRA 59 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	J Reid	85

BETTING: Evens Yarrow, 6-4 Rosy Hue, 3-1 San Pietra.

1994: CHURCHWORTH 9-0 G Carter (10-1) B McMahon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

YARROW neck and 2l 3rd of 13 to Kilcoran Bay in Sandown maiden (1m 2f, good). ROSY HUE neck and 3l 3rd of 12 to Vena in Kempton maiden (1m 1f, good). SAN PIETRA 10l 9th of 12 to Eurning in Newmarket maiden (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: YARROW

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SANDOWN PARK: Trainers: J Gosden, 19 winners from 90 runners, 21.1%; Miss L Siddall, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Berry, 9 from 49, 18.4%; J Fanshawe, 11 from 60, 18.3%; H Cecil, 11 from 65, 16.9%; A Stewart, 4 from 24, 16.7%; I Balding, 14 from 86, 16.3%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 48 winners *from 255 rides, 18.8%; M Roberts,* 41 from 236, 17.4%; L Dettori, 28 from 176, 15.9%; G Carter, 6 from 43, 14.0%; W R Swinburn, 21 from 154, 13.6%; D Harrison, 11 from 85, 12.9%; M Hills, 12 from 97, 12.4%.

YORK: Trainers: Lady Herries, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; J Gosden, 32 from 116, 27.6%; H Cecil, 24 from 99, 24.2%; R Charlton, 9 from 38, 23.7%; R Akehurst, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Cole, 15 from 70, 21.4%. Jockeys: D Holland, 12 winners from 66 rides, 18.2%; W Ryan, 12 from 80, 15.0%; W Carson, 29 from 214, 13.6%; J Reid, 15 from 124, 12.1%; T Quinn, 10 from 92, 10.9%. Only qualifiers

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IRISH	120	220	320

Sampras betrays signs of weakness

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

PETE SAMPRAS and Boris Becker yesterday found that their paths to the final of the Stella Artois tournament were clearing. As five other seeds were uprooted in the third round, the favourites stayed on course to meet each other on the front lawn of Queen's Club on Sunday.

Sampras's match was dictated by his own service. Whenever it was precise, as throughout the first set, Jeremy Bates struggled to stay in contention. Whenever it was imprecise, as during the second set, the balance was so fine as to be virtually imperceptible.

Seldom can his service have been threatened so often on grass. It was broken twice, when Bates established a 3-1 lead and then levelled at 4-4. He was on the point of breaking it again — and so win the set 6-4 — and he later earned two opportunities to take it into a tie-break.

Bates was not exaggerating, therefore, when he claimed that he had "a lot of chances". He conceded, though, that the top seed was armed with decisive weapons when the need arose. "He has the ability to step up a gear and he has the big serve when he requires it," he said.

He reckoned that, with the less-pressurised balls, Sampras is serving at perhaps five miles an hour slower than last year. The speed, however, is relative. "It still comes flying past with flames coming out of the back," as Bates put it.

Yet the American, so intimidating a figure a year ago that he was the clear favourite to defend the Wimbledon title and went on to do so emphatically, is not as dominant a force. Bates noticed a semblance of apprehension in his opponent's game and pointed out that the softer balls will favour Andre Agassi, who is at home recuperating from a strained hip, an injury that kept Sampras out of action for a month about five years ago.

Becker, the No 2 seed, was troubled only by a tightening calf. He received treatment during his comprehensive victory over Javier Frana and was surprised to learn that he will next play not Stefan Edberg, as had been scheduled, but Jason Stoltenberg, who won 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.

Tony Pickard was saddened by the sight of his former pupil attempting to rediscover his elegance on grass. Edberg, the No 7 seed, was convincing only in a one-sided second set. He was otherwise outplayed by the Australian, who had eliminated Mark Petchey.

Guy Forget is managing to retrieve his fluency. Once ranked No 4 in the world before a serious injury to his right knee disrupted his career for almost a year, he knocked out Todd Martin, the No 5 seed and defending champion, in straight sets.

Marc Rosset, the No 6 seed, was eliminated by Marc Göllner and Jonas Bjorkman, the No 8 seed, was removed by Sandon Stolle. A qualifier and the son of Fred, his reward for reaching the last eight is to meet Sampras.

The field at Eastbourne next week may have lost its top seed. George Hendon, the tournament director, has received a message from the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), informing him that Jana Novotna intends to pull out of the singles because she is unwell.

Curiously, she is prepared to enter the doubles. Hendon has attempted in vain to contact Novotna, during her series of exhibition matches, and has told the WTA that a replacement must be found from the top five women.

☐ Pat Cash, of Australia, the former Wimbledon champion, has landed one of the last wild cards for this year's competition, along with Barry Cowan, of Great Britain. The final women's wild cards go to Cowans's fellow Britons, Julie Pullin and Liz Jelfs.

Gently does it as McNeil moves on in defence of title

BY ALIX RAMSAY

LORI McNEIL does not look like a woman who is fond of upsets. She is one of the quietest of all the players on the tennis circuit, yesterday living up to her image by moving slowly and gently past Kristin Godridge 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the DFS Classic in Edgbaston.

Yet, 11 months ago, McNeil caused the biggest upset in women's tennis for many years at Wimbledon by beating Steffi Graf in the first round, and then going on to push Conchita Martinez, the eventual champion, to the limit in the semi-finals.

Not that McNeil is ready to make a song and dance about it all. That is not her style; but she is happy to state, firmly if quietly, that she still believes she has a chance to win.

"Yes, I do feel I can do it," she said. "When you come that close, you think it is possible, but you can't really think about what might have been."

Last year, she felt that she was hitting the ball a little better than now, but as one of the few natural grass-court players on the women's tour, she knows that this month on grass is her best chance to shine; and, at 31, time is running out.

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There is still a long road to travel before she can get to grips with Wimbledon and the Centre Court again; in the meantime, there is the small matter of defending her DFS Classic title.

Godridge seldom proved a threat, getting more upset with herself and the line judges than she did with the quality of McNeil's play. As a match, it seldom sparkled, ebbing and flowing with the speed of setting custard, but matchplay is what McNeil craves before she heads for Eastbourne and the lawns of SW19.

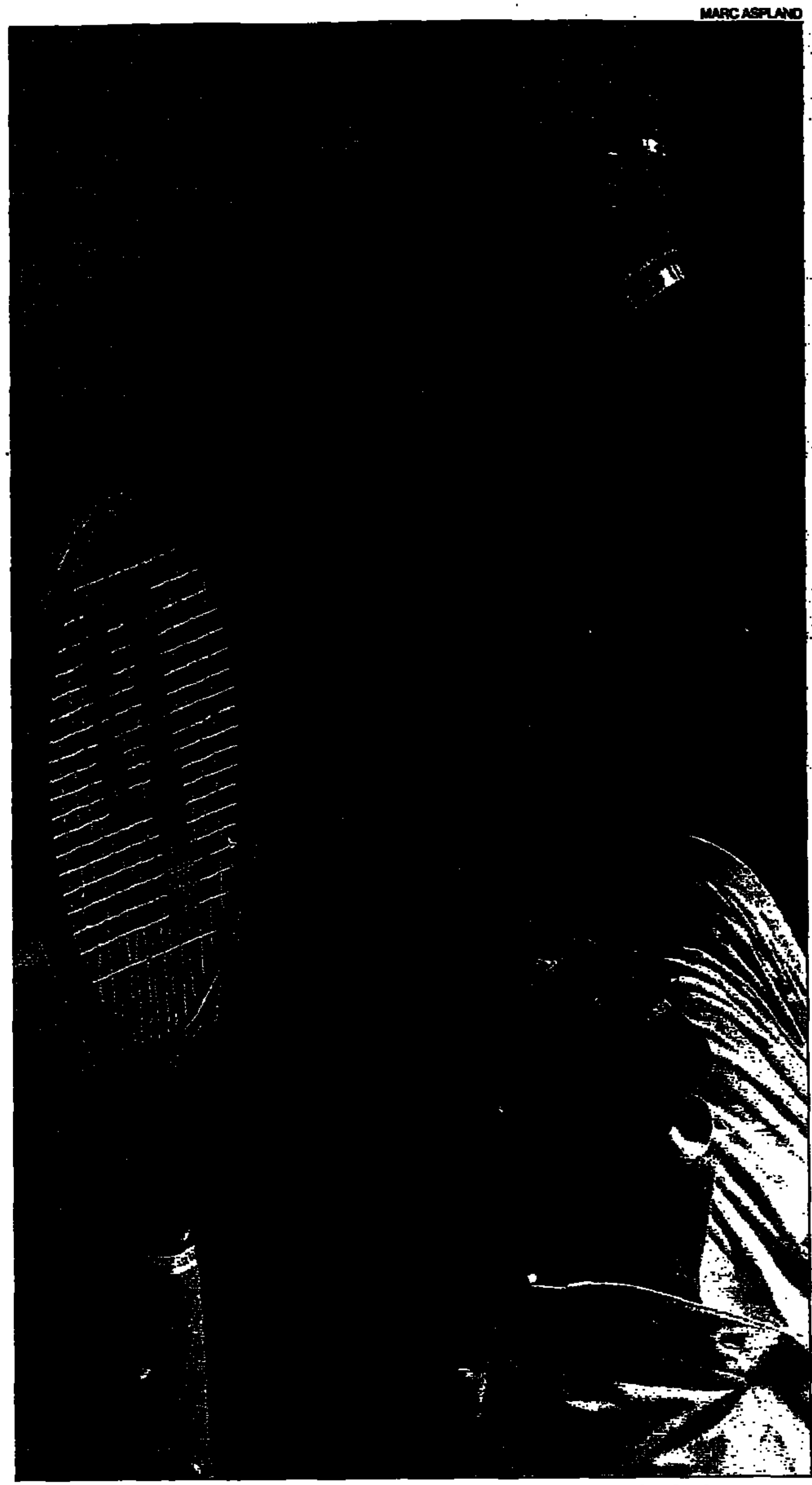
Her chances of retaining the Edgbaston title improved with the removal of Gigi Fernandez, the No 2 seed, who went out of the tournament, 6-1, 6-2 to Els Callens, from Belgium. At the start of the second set, Fernandez was wrong-footed by another Callens passing shot and twisted her ankle. Her injury, however, was not the only reason for her early departure.

Callens, who won the Beckenham Open last week, had taken a run of six games from the former Wimbledon semi-finalist before the injury break and took another three before Fernandez could stop the rot.

For Callens, 24, who is more used to winning on the satellite circuit, and that mainly on clay, the last two weeks have been "unbelievable".

For Fernandez, yesterday was no more than a minor setback. On Sunday, she won the French Open doubles with Natasha Zvereva and arrived looking for one match on grass and expecting to beat nobody. To reach the third round and lose puts her well ahead of schedule.

MARC ASPLAND



McNeil serves an ace during her victory over Godridge in Birmingham

Bevan must decide on Joubert's place in semi-final

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN CAPE TOWN

DEREK BEVAN, the Welsh referee who has been appointed to handle South Africa's rugby union World Cup semi-final with France in Durban tomorrow, must decide whether or not André Joubert can go into the game wearing a specially-constructed cast on his hand.

Joubert, 31, the full back from Natal, who had a broken bone pinned last Sunday after the South Africans' quarter-final defeat of Western Samoa, has made a spectacular recovery and has been fitted with a lightweight, foam-rubber cast. The cast was made at the Linksfield Clinic and the team's management is confident that it will be given official approval.

South Africa's players, as their tour to the British Isles showed last year, are accustomed to wearing a variety of padded gear. Not all of it is approved by the International Rugby Football Board, but, in this instance, they may get their way.

In spite of a late purchasing surge by England supporters, more than 3,000 tickets for the semi-final match between England and New Zealand in Cape Town on Sunday remain unsold. This comes less than a week after World Cup organisers were left with egg on their faces when Newlands stadium in Cape Town fell 15,000 short of its 50,000 capacity for the quarter-final match between England and Australia.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

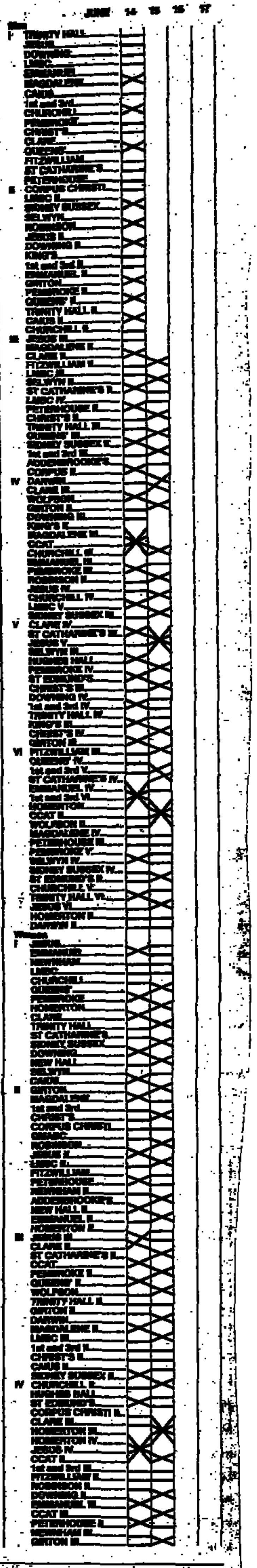
However, officials at Western Province Rugby Union, which is handling the ticket sales, said yesterday that they were optimistic that the quota could yet be filled. "If the stadium is not full, it should at least be nearly full," Dowie Schoonraab, the executive director of Western Province, said.

Schoonraab blamed the poor attendance for the England v Australia match on the late return of tickets from abroad, but said that the match this weekend was different. He said that the interest generated by England's victory over Australia and the attraction for neutral supporters of watching the All Blacks had boosted the sales of return tickets.

"There seem to be English fans all over Cape Town," Schoonraab said. "Many are younger supporters who have come out in the last few days and they are looking for tickets."

Cambridge May races

EMMANUEL rowed over comfortably at the top of the women's first division and were three lengths clear of the deposed head boat, Jesus, at the finish. Lady Margaret closed to within a third of a length of Newnham at Morley's Holt but failed to complete before the line.



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OBSTUPRATE
(b) To ravish or rape in the brisk Roman way, from *ob* intensifying + *stuprare* to ravish.

PALAY
(c) Name of two East Indian shrubs or trees with milky juice. Either *Cryptostegia grandiflora*, which yields a flax-like fibre and a kind of caoutchouc; or, *Wrightia tinctoria*, which yields an inferior kind of indigo (*pala indigo*). "An inferior kind of indigo prepared from the leaves of *Wrightia tinctoria* in some parts of Southern India, is called Pala Indigo, from Pala or Palay, the Tamil name for this and some allied milky trees. The wood of the Palay is beautifully white, close-grained, and ivory-like, and is commonly used for making toys."

PEAGE
(c) Toll paid for passing through a place or country, from the Old French *peage* or *paage*. "The turnpike tolls in England, and the duties called peages in other countries."

PLAIDOYER
(a) An advocate's speech, a pleading, a plea, from the French *plaidoyer* a pleading, substantival use of the verbal infinitive *to plead*, from *plaid* a plea.

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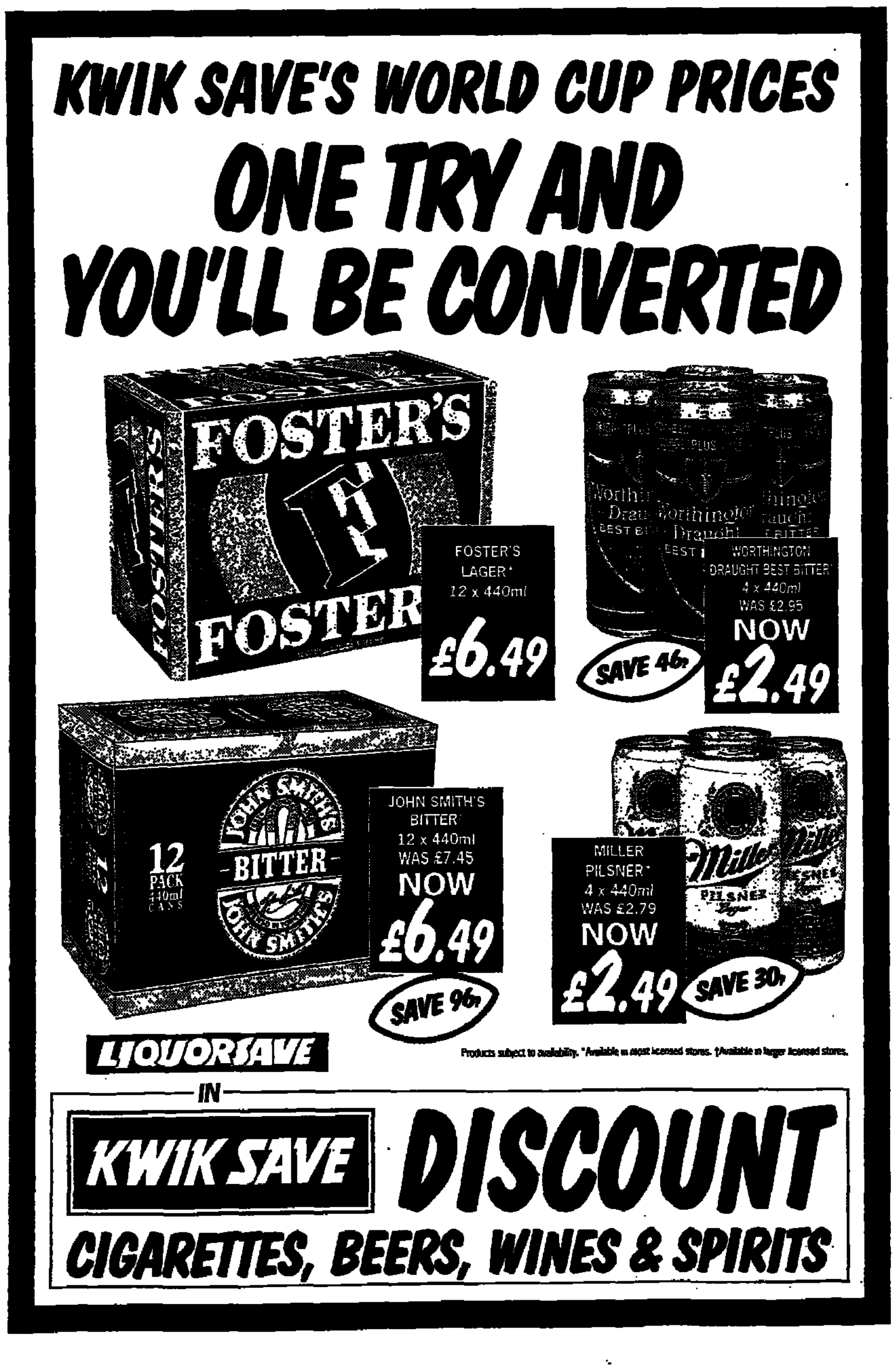
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PUBLIC NOTICES

GREEN, JOHN WILLIAM GREEN late of Finchley, London N12 died at Barnet, Hertfordshire on 27 January 1993 (Estate about £9,000) The kin of the above-named and Mrs Hepzibah Freegard are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

MERCIA BATHROOM ACCESSORIES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of The Insolvency Rule 1986 that a first dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date for proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in the liquidation is Friday 14th July 1995. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co. P.O.Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date for proving. DATED this 12th day of June 1995. S.D. SWADEN, Joint Liquidator.

No. 2852 OF 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF:
ACATOS & HUTCHESON PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF:
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 7 June 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £33,203,467.80 to £27,001,240.6935 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the abovementioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 12 June 1995. Dated this 16 day of June 1995.
Frere Cholmeley Bischoff
4 John Carpenter Street
London
EC4Y 0NH
Tel: 0171 615 8000
Ref: ADJ/SJW
Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 003482 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF PROSPERITY LIFE ASSURANCE LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF CENTURY LIFE PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

Notice is hereby given that a Petition was on the 2nd June 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named Century Life Plc ("Century") for:
(1) the sanction under Part I of Schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ("the Act") to a Scheme (hereinafter called the "Scheme") providing for the transfer by Prosperity Life Assurance Limited ("PLA") of the whole of its long term insurance business to Century; and
(2) an Order making ancillary provision for implementing the Scheme under paragraph 5 of Schedule 2C to the Act.
Copies of the Petition, the Scheme and a report by an independent actuary in pursuance of the said *Part I of Schedule 2C* may be inspected at the offices specified in the Schedule hereto during usual business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this Notice.
The Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday, 19th July 1995 and any person, including any employee of PLA or Century, who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel.
Any person who intends so to appear, and any policy holder of PLA or Century who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, should give not less than two clear days prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent, and the reasons therefor, to the Solicitors named below.
Copies of the documents specified above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an Order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.
Dated this 16th day of June, 1995.
The Brough Skerrett Law Partnership
One Dyers Buildings
London EC1N 2SX
Solicitors for Century Life Plc
(I) Century House, 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA
(Ref. K. Jarrett)
(II) One Dyers Buildings, London, EC1N 2SX

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF HRL REALISATIONS LIMITED
(IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

The liquidators of HRL Realisations Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to pay a first and final dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within four months of 12 June 1995.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing (quoting reference DZG/PJB/HRL/400) of any claim against the company to the joint liquidator, Dipankar Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse at 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3JX by 12 July 1995, which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date may be excluded from the proposed interim distribution.
DM Ghosh
Joint Liquidator
12 June 1995.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 (1)(A) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FAIRBROTHERS (WHOLESALE CONFECTIONERS) LIMITED
Company Number: 1368245

We, DAVID ALAN ROLPH and ROGER WILLIAM CORK, of MOORE STEPHENS, ST. PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN hereby give notice that on 14th June 1995 we were appointed Administrative Receivers of the above-named company by National Westminster Bank Plc under the terms of a debenture dated 4th May 1995 giving the holders a fixed and floating charge over the whole of the assets of the company. Dated 14th day of June 1995. DAVID A. ROLPH AND ROGER W. CORK, JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
FOOD LABORATORY SERVICES LIMITED

Registered Number: 2442596. Trading Name: FOOD LABORATORY SERVICES LIMITED. Nature of Business: PROCESSORS OF CHEMICAL SAMPLES OF FOOD. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 12TH JUNE 1995. Name of person appointing Administrative Receivers: BARCLAYS BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: DAVID EMANUEL MERTON MOND AND DAVID BOTTOMLEY. (Office Holder Numbers: 0/002340/01 and 0/006985/01) of Hodgson[illegible] Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PLANWISE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 28 June 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. DATED this 12 day of June 1995. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD. Director: A. EDWARD.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividends were declared:
ORDINARY SHARES
A quarterly dividend of eight cents (8¢) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares payable on July 28, 1995 to holders of record at the close of business on June 27, 1995.
PREFERENCE SHARES
A semi-annual dividend of [illegible] per Canadian Dollar [illegible] share and 2/3 pence per Sterling [illegible] Share, on the outstanding Preference Shares in respect of the year 1995, payable on July 28, 1995 to holders of record at the close of business on June 27, 1995.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.
D.J. DERGAN
VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
MONTREAL, June 12, 1995

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Curtis retires hurt from captaincy

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

WORCESTER (first day of four, Lancashire won toss): Worcestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 134 runs behind Lancashire

TIM CURTIS is the latest man in sport to discover that it is possible to achieve success without honour. The bare statistics of his three seasons as Worcestershire captain are hard to fault, yet his resignation yesterday acknowledged that he had lost the support of his team and committee. He jumped, weary of the suspicion that he would soon be pushed.

Curtis decided to go after Tuesday's two-wicket defeat by Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final at Worcester. Before the start of yesterday's Britannic Assurance championship match, against the same side, he gathered his players together in the dressing-room and formally handed over to the Australian, Tom Moody, who is today likely to be appointed captain for the remainder of the season.

The New Road crowd, oblivious to such intrigue, were solemnly informed of the abdication over the public address system, the club secretary, Mike Vockins, faithfully recording Curtis's assertion that his decision was "not related" to Tuesday's defeat. In this, Curtis was being economical with his emotions, for while the result was not in itself a prime catalyst, he would assuredly have stayed on if the outcome had been different.

If Curtis's tactics were at fault on Tuesday, as is claimed by some within the club, it was merely the tip of an unavoidable iceberg, one spotted long ago by those in authority at the club. Their new cricket chairman, John Chadd, disclosed that Curtis had warned him of his intentions, and the reasons behind them, three weeks ago. "The trouble with Tim," he explained, "is that his batting style is unadventurous and people equate that with his captaincy."

Chadd praised Curtis's qualities of loyalty and straightforwardness but added a less flattering epitaph. "As a captain he is not, perhaps, instinctive or inspirational. His failure sometimes was in communication with other players." These are shortcomings that, until now, were widely sensed but never publicly voiced.

Curtis is a paradox, respected by peers who made him chairman of the Cricketers' Association yet neither seeking nor attaining popularity as a leader. Two years ago, he survived an uprising in the dressing-room only through a run of victories which saw the side rise to second place in the championship; this time, he was not prepared to wait for the salvation of a playing record that, last summer, also saw the club win the NatWest Trophy and finish runners-up in the two other one-day events.

Intense, sometimes aloof, he has managed dual careers in cricket and schoolteaching. Although he says he wishes to go on playing, Curtis, now 35, must soon decide whether to concentrate on academia. Worcestershire's options in replacing him, mid-season, are limited, especially as the vice-captain, Steven Rhodes, has ruled himself out. Moody, who is considering settling in England and giving up his playing commitments with Western Australia, has the drive and personality that Curtis lacked.

Moody enjoyed a productive first day in charge, restricting Lancashire to 206 on a pitch that permitted no confident strokeplay and is unlikely to improve. Nick Speak, promoted to open while the resting Atherton was ensconced with his fellow selector, David Graveney, batted all morning for 15 and was finally out one delivery after completing a half-century in 174 balls. It was not pretty, but it was valuable. Nobody else reached 30 as the ball bounced unevenly for the seamers and spun appreciably for Richard Illingworth, whose four wickets were a mark of his burgeoning confidence.

Wickets fell in batches, as so often on a surface where no batsman feels comfortable, and runs seldom came at much better than two per over. Worcestershire, left 25 overs in the evening sunshine, found batting no easier and the openers were quickly banished to allow a stimulating contest between Wasim and Chapple for the prosecution and Moody and Hick for the defence, to be continued this morning.

Curtis, having stood down as captain of Worcestershire, jumps to avoid more trouble from Crawley, of Lancashire

Ilott swings into record book

By Jack Bailey

LUTON (first day of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets remaining, need 188 runs to beat Essex

AT 5pm, the sun came out at Luton as Graham Gooch faced the bowling of Paul Taylor. Nothing too remarkable about that, except that this was the start of the Essex second innings on the first day of their match against Northamptonshire, who had just been bowled out in 20.1 overs for 46, their lowest score since the Second World War. Mark Ilott, the Essex seam bowler, took nine for 19, including a hat-trick of leg-before decisions.

Since this all happened after Essex had been bundled out for 127, of which their wicketkeeper, Rollins, had made 52, there was much fluttering in the dovecotes both on and off the field. Consternation did not diminish as the Essex second innings continued in the same vein. Another left-arm bowler, Paul Taylor, took seven for 50 to give him nine wickets in the match as Essex lurched to 107 all out in their second innings, leaving Northamptonshire to make 189 to win.

Ilott's feat, and indeed that of Taylor, was the result of late swing under heavy cloud cover on a pitch still drying after heavy rain during the past week. It followed on the heels of a return of five for 29 by Capel, bowling from the Stockingstone Road end from which all but seven of the day's 30 wickets fell.

It was an extraordinary day's cricket. As the ball zigged and zagged laterally, 13 batsmen fell to lbw decisions, it being the lot of Bob White, the umpire, to put up his finger for 11 of them.

Ilott's career-best bowling included a spell of five wickets for no runs after tea, and it was during this period that he claimed his hat-trick. The last hat-trick in which all the batsmen fell leg-before belonged to Mike Procter, playing for Gloucestershire against Yorkshire at Cheltenham in 1979. Ilott said afterwards: "It was not my first hat-trick of leg-befores. I got one playing for Watford Under-15s. On that occasion, my dad was umpire, and in my excitement I shouted 'howzat, Dad?'." Umpire White, it should be noted, is no relation.

Now his triumphant return with the season's best analysis, following an absence through a groin injury, must place his name once more in front of England's selectors for the second Test match. Taylor, too, might receive a passing mention, or even Capel, who last played in 1990. The temptation, though, must be to ignore wickets taken in such bizarre circumstances, although scarcely a ball reared or squatted. The batsmen, on both sides, were undone by sharp lateral movement. Suspicion bred lack of confidence in the stroke and accurate bowling did the rest.

Northamptonshire were also on the receiving end of Dominic Cork's nine for 43 during their last match, at Derby. So they are not unused to this sort of thing. On that occasion, the leaders of the county championship came through to win a low scoring game. Unless conditions change dramatically today, they will be hard pressed to emulate the feat. There are, however, a couple of hopeful signs to which they may have clung during last night's waking hours.

The first was the batting of the Essex tailenders during yesterday's final overs. Such and Cousins looked in little trouble against the Northamptonshire seam attack as they added 35 runs. Then again, Northamptonshire may cling to the fact that last year against Yorkshire, on the same ground, 18 wickets fell on the first day, and yet in their second innings the home side amassed 481 for seven.

Whitaker's driving steers Leicestershire to safety

By Michael Henderson

LEICESTER (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Leicestershire have made 356 for eight wickets against Nottinghamshire

JAMES WHITAKER, like others who have been led to the water and denied a lengthy drink, has spent the better part of his career nursing regrets. Picked once for England, at Adelaide, on the successful tour of 1986-87, he was discarded immediately and has never been recalled.

It is misleading to suggest that Whitaker has proved the selectors wrong, but he has his days, and this was one. A bracing innings of 127, made from 206 balls with 20 boundaries, enabled Leicestershire to emerge strongly from a woeful morning and reach evening in a handy position.

When Nixon joined him, in the second hour of the day, they were 60 for four, and sinking fast. After sharing a stand worth 113, Whitaker added another 88 runs with Jonathan Dakin, who played sensibly in his second championship match and resumes 13 short of his hundred. He is playing because Wells is injured.

The most handsome feature of Whitaker's batting was his cover driving. There are times when he plays "on the walk", not properly balanced for the stroke. There are other times when he lashes the ball rather inelegantly. Yesterday, he pierced the field delightfully.

Nottinghamshire have themselves to blame. When he had made three, Whitaker edged a ball from Evans to slip where Cairns put down an easy chance. Unable to bowl because of his side strain, Cairns had plenty of time to reflect on his error. By the time that Whitaker was caught behind, giving himself an extra foot to cut Hindson, he had refashioned the day.

Hindson had a long bowl, though not necessarily a good one on a low, slow pitch. Maddy got one from Pick that popped a bit. Cronje was leg-before to Evans and Briers was leg-before as he played across the line. Smith, helping a short ball to fine leg, gave Chapman a second wicket before Whitaker set to work. How Cronje could do with his luck. In six first-class innings at Grace Road, he has made 61 runs.

Smith is quick to celebrate return to normality

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ROBIN SMITH, a fish out of water as an opening batsman in the Headingley Test, was back in his favourite No 4 position for Hampshire yesterday and rescued the side from a parlous position at Bristol with his second century of the season.

Smith went to the wicket with the score at 12 for two after his namesake, Mike, Gloucestershire's much-improved left-arm seamer, had bowled both openers. Four wickets were down for 52 before the England batsman and Giles White stopped the rot with a partnership of 117.

Much of the sting had been removed from the attack by Smith's powerful strokeplay when he was sixth out at 209, having hit 18 fours in his 136, and the recovery was carried by the later batsmen, ensuring Hampshire reached a very respectable 323 for nine.

The pitch at Horsham, one of three outgrounds in use in this round of championship games, produced a fairer balance between bat and ball than was seen at Luton, even though Surrey could muster only 187 against the keen Sussex pace bowlers. Jason Lewry and Ed Giddins each took four wickets, Lewry dismissing Alistair Brown, Adam Hollioake and Andy Smith in one four-ball burst.

Sussex sailed into the lead during the course of a third-wicket partnership of 105 between Keith Newell and Alan Wells, but had slipped to 209 for five by the close.

At Colwyn Bay, Middlesex had John Emburey in action by the twelfth over, but the pitch, providing only slow turn, played well enough for Glamorgan to reach 276, helped by a late onslaught from their West Indian all-rounder, Hamesh Anthony, who hit four sixes, one off Emburey and three off Phil Tufnell, while scoring 58 from 78 balls.

Yorkshire's captain, Martyn Moxon, returning after a five-week absence, batted all day to score 154 of his side's 346 for three at Headingley, where Kent had little option but to field first after finding themselves with only three specialist batsmen when injuries forced Benson and Cowdrey to withdraw just before the start.

At Derby, where the previous game against Northamptonshire finished well inside two days, Daryll Cullinan enjoyed himaelf on a pitch lacking grass and pace, scoring 161 — 120 in boundaries — against a Somerset attack heavily reliant on the leg spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed, who took five for 107 to help limit Derbyshire to 376.

Hall has narrow escape as holder goes out

By Mel Webb

FOR the tournament favourite, victory was hard-won. For the defending champion, there was defeat in the second round. The high-flyers did not have an easy day of it as the matchplay stages began in the Ladies' British Amateur Open Golf Championship yesterday.

The flags stood out starch-stiff for the second day at Royal Portrush in a fierce wind howling in from the northwest. Such conditions can make nonsense out of established form and class, as the two big names were to find.

Julie Hall, probably the best female amateur golfer in the British Isles, had to forget all about her pedigree and slug out the narrowest of wins over her Danish opponent to move into the last 16. Emma Duggleby had her defence ended abruptly by a relatively unknown opponent.

Hall led Iben Tinning by two holes at the turn, but then lost four of the next five and had to fight like a terrier to pull back from two down with four to play to win on the 18th green. Having built her lead, Hall three-putted the 10th and missed the green at the 11th to allow Tinning to square the match. The 12th was halved, but the Dane won the 13th and the 14th.

Hall birdied the 15th and Tinning conceded the 16th after taking four to reach the green. The tide was turning, but Hall missed a chance to go up the last one up when she missed a four-footer on the 17th.

The Dane, cousin of Steen Tinning, the PGA European Tour professional, drove into a fairway bunker at the last and failed to get out first time. She took four to reach the green; Hall was on in two and Tinning conceded the hole and the match when she missed her putt.

Helen Jones, a boutique owner from Strabane, expected to be playing somebody else in the second round, and was so daunted to be faced by Duggleby that she topped her drive on the 1st like a weekend hacker. She went on to lose the first three holes, but bravely won the next three and was two up by the turn.

It was nip and tuck after that, and Jones was one up as they left the 17th green. Ten minutes later the last had been halved in fives, and Jones had completed one of the best wins of her career. "I was petrified when I found I was playing her," Jones said. "I never expected to do this well."

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Corporate Golf fixtures will appear tomorrow

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Somerset

DERBY (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Derbyshire have scored 376 for all wickets against Somerset

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Lathwell b Rose	0
W A Dessaur b Mushtaq	28
A S Rollins lbw b Mushtaq	56
D J Cullinan c Turner b Kerr	161
C M Wells c Trescothick b Parsons	47
T A Tweats lbw b Mushtaq	7
D G Cork b Mushtaq	3
P A J DeFreitas c Turner b Rose	4
†K M Krikken b Kerr	27
A E Warner not out	28
D E Malcolm lbw b Mushtaq	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 8)	14
Total (106.1 overs)	376

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-82, 3-99, 4-233, 5-260, 6-278, 7-287, 8-332, 9-375.

BOWLING: Rose 21-5-76-2; Kerr 20-2-87-2; Dimond 10-1-54-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 42.1-13-107-5; Parsons 10-4-28-1; Trescothick 3-0-18-0

SOMERSET: M N Lathwell, M E Trescothick, P D Bowler, R J Harden, *A N Hayhurst, G D Rose, K A Parsons, †R J Turner, Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr, M Dimond.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Somerset 4

Umpires: N T Plews and P B Wight.

Glamorgan v Middlesex

COLWYN BAY (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Middlesex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 233 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Emburey	6
*H Morris c Emburey b Johnson	53
D L Hemp c Nash b Emburey	6
M P Maynard c Nash b Fraser	47
P A Cottey run out	23
R D B Croft c Pooley b Emburey	13
H A G Anthony c Gatting b Johnson	58
N M Kendrick b Tufnell	34
†C P Metson b Tufnell	16
S L Watkin not out	4
S R Barwick lbw b Tufnell	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 6)	16
Total (100.5 overs)	276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-37, 3-112, 4-128, 5-147, 6-188, 7-237, 8-259, 9-276.

BOWLING: Fraser 16-5-33-1; Nash 13-4-48-0; Emburey 32-11-79-3; Tufnell 25.5-10-61-3; Johnson 14-3-47-2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes c Maynard b Anthony	1
J C Pooley not out	33
M R Ramprakash not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (1 wkt, 14 overs)	43

*M W Gatting, J D Carr, †K R Brown, D J Nash, J E Emburey, R L Johnson, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.

BOWLING: Watkin 6-4-10-0; Anthony 4-1-12-1; Croft 3-1-9-0; Kendrick 1-0-10-0.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 2 Middlesex 4

Umpires: G I Burgess and K J Lyons.

Gloucestershire v Hampshire

BRISTOL (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 323 for nine wickets against Gloucestershire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry b Smith	12
R S M Morris b Smith	0
J P Stephenson c Lynch b Boden	4
R A Smith lbw b Smith	136
*M C J Nicholas c Russell b Srinath	6
G W White lbw b Pike	34
K D James not out	51
†A N Aymes run out	18
S D Udal b Pike	32
H H Streak c Russell b Smith	8
C A Connor not out	10
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 8)	12
Total (9 wkts, 110 overs)	323

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-16, 4-52, 5-169, 6-209, 7-243, 8-285, 9-303.

BOWLING: Smith 25-6-68-4; Boden 20-2-67-1; Srinath 18-4-50-1; Alleyne 19-7-41-0; Pike 28-2-94-2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: A J Wright, G D Hodgson, M A Lynch, R I Dawson, M W Alleyne, A Symonds, *†R C Russell, J Srinath, V Pike, D J P Boden, A M Smith.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4 Hampshire 3

Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Willey.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 356 for eight wickets against Nottinghamshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

D L Maddy c Archer b Pick	1
*N E Briers lbw b Chapman	20
W J Cronje lbw b Evans	15
J J Whitaker c Noon b Hindson	127
B F Smith c Hindson b Chapman	4
†P A Nixon c Archer b Evans	39
J M Dakin not out	87
G J Parsons c Johnson b Hindson	12
D J Millns c Archer b Pick	20
A D Mullally not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 9, w 1, nb 18)	31
Total (8 wkts, 110 overs)	356

A R K Pierson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-32, 3-42, 4-60, 5-173, 6-261, 7-295, 8-351.

BOWLING: Pick 17-3-60-2; Mike 23-8-62-0; Evans 23-8-84-2; Chapman 14-2-78-2; Hindson 33-9-60-2.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: M P Dowman, *R T Robinson, G F Archer, P Johnson, C L Cairns, †W M Noon, K P Evans, J E Hindson, R A Pick, G W Mike, R J Chapman.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Nottinghamshire 3

Umpires: M J Kitchen and A A Jones

Northamptonshire v Essex

LUTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Essex are 188 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Taylor	4
D D J Robinson b Mallender	8
M E Waugh lbw b Taylor	12
N Hussain b Kumble	27
*P J Prichard c Montgomerie b Capel	11
R C Irani lbw b Capel	0
†R J Rollins not out	52
M C Ilott lbw b Capel	1
D M Cousins b Capel	0
P M Such b Kumble	2
J H Childs c Warren b Capel	4
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (48.1 overs)	127

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-22, 3-24, 4-44, 5-44, 6-78, 7-79, 8-79, 9-88.

BOWLING: Taylor 10-1-18-2; Mallender 8-0-22-1; Curran 6-1-15-0; Capel 14.1-3-29-5; Kumble 10-2-39-2.

Second Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Mallender	20
D D J Robinson lbw b Mallender	3
M E Waugh lbw b Taylor	9
N Hussain c Capel b Taylor	0
*P J Prichard lbw b Taylor	0
R C Irani c Montgomerie b Taylor	26
†R J Rollins c Warren b Taylor	4
M C Ilott c Bailey b Taylor	0
D M Cousins b Taylor	17
P M Such run out	19
J H Childs not out	3
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total	107

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-33, 3-35, 4-35, 5-35, 6-63, 7-63, 8-68, 9-103.

BOWLING: Taylor 14.1-2-50-7; Mallender 8-3-22-2; Curran 4-0-22-0; Kumble 2-0-7-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie b Ilott	18
M B Loye lbw b Ilott	3
R J Bailey lbw b Ilott	0
*A J Lamb c Rollins b Ilott	19
†R J Warren b Ilott	0
K M Curran lbw b Ilott	6
D J Capel c Rollins b Irani	0
J N Snape lbw b Ilott	0
A Kumble lbw b Ilott	0
N A Mallender lbw b Ilott	0
J P Taylor not out	0
Total (20.1 overs)	46

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-39, 4-39, 5-45, 6-46, 7-46, 8-46, 9-46.

BOWLING: Ilott 10 1-2-19-9; Cousins 4-0-9-0; Irani 6-2-18-1.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4 Essex 4

Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

Sussex v Surrey

HORSHAM (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Sussex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 22 runs ahead of Surrey

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe lbw b Giddins	17
*A J Stewart lbw b Lewry	8
M A Butcher c Lenham b Stephenson	40
G P Thorpe c Salisbury b Giddins	30
A D Brown b Lewry	14
A J Hollioake b Lewry	0
A W Smith b Lewry	0
†G J Kersey b Stephenson	44
R W Nowell c Moores b Giddins	6
J E Benjamin lbw b Giddins	0
C G Rackemann not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 4, nb 10)	16
Total (42.3 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-48, 3-84, 4-116, 5-116, 6-116, 7-116, 8-137, 9-139.

BOWLING: Stephenson 11 3-1-46-2; Lewry 16-3-77-4; Giddins 11-0-54-4; Hemmings 4-1-6-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Butcher	21
J W Hall lbw b Benjamin	41
K Newell c Kersey b Hollioake	53
*A P Wells c Kersey b Benjamin	47
K Greenfield not out	9
†P Moores c Kersey b Benjamin	0
F D Stephenson not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 2, w 3, nb 20)	34
Total (5 wkts, 64 overs)	209

I D K Salisbury, E E Hemmings, J Lewry and E S H Giddins to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-88, 3-193, 4-193, 5-195

BOWLING: Rackemann 10-3-39-0; Benjamin 17-6-47-3; Butcher 10-0-45-1; Nowell 14-8-24-0; Smith 5-0-36-0; Hollioake 8-3-7-1

Bonus points: Sussex 5 Surrey 2

Umpires: B Leadbeater and A G T Whitehead.

Worcestershire v Lancashire

WORCESTER (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Worcestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 132 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Curtis b Illingworth	29
N J Speak c Hick b Newport	51
J P Crawley c Rhodes b Newport	22
N H Fairbrother c Rhodes b Lampitt	7
G D Lloyd b Thomas	4
*M Watkinson b Illingworth	26
Wasim Akram c Rhodes b Haynes	19
M A Atherton lbw b Illingworth	0
†W K Hegg not out	14
G Yates c Moody b Illingworth	12
G Chapple c Haynes b Lampitt	4
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 10)	18
Total (81.4 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-71, 3-89, 4-94, 5-142, 6-168, 7-170, 8-170, 9-201.

BOWLING: Newport 18-8-35-2; Thomas 17-5-47-1; Lampitt 16 4-6-44-2; Illingworth 26-11-63-4; Haynes 4-0-10-1

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Fairbrother b Chapple	16
W P C Weston lbw b Chapple	11
G A Hick not out	27
*T M Moody not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 2)	4
Total (2 wkts, 25 overs)	74

G R Haynes, C M Tolley, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, P J Newport and P Thomas to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-30.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 11-3-24-0; Chapple 10-1-33-2; Gallian 2-1-5-0; Watkinson 2-0-4-0

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4 Lancashire 1

Umpires: V A Holder and G Sharp

Yorkshire v Kent

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Yorkshire have scored 346 for three wickets against Kent

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon not out	158
M P Vaughan c Marsh b McCague	71
D Byas c Llong b McCague	47
M G Bevan lbw b Wren	29
C White not out	17
Extras (b 6, lb 6, w 4, nb 8)	24
Total (3 wkts, 110 overs)	346

†R J Blakey, A P Grayson, D Gough, P J Hartley, R D Stemp and M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-238, 3-298

BOWLING: McCague 26-7-53-2; Wren 18-2-76-1; Headley 5-1-36-0; Patel 18-6-57-0; Ealham 19-6-53-0; Fleming 13-3-35-0; deSilva 8-2-24-0

KENT: T R Ward, D P Fulton, P A deSilva, M M Patel, M A Ealham, M V Fleming, N J Llong, *†S A Marsh, M J McCague, T N Wren, D W Headley

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3 Kent 1

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Harris

Tour match

Scotland v West Indians

EDINBURGH (RAEBURN PLACE) (West Indians won toss): West Indians beat Scotland by 47 runs

SCOTLAND

*A C Storie lbw b Benjamin	7
†I L Philip b Adams	65
M J Smith c Richardson b Gibson	43
G B J McGurk lbw b Dhanraj	5
G Salmond not out	61
J G Williamson c Walsh b Campbell	57
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 3, nb 14)	20
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-120, 3-127, 4-141, 5-258.

BOWLING: Gibson 9-1-37-1; Benjamin 5-1-9-1; Arthurton 9-0-30-0; Walsh 3-0-22-0; Dhanraj 8-0-29-1; Adams 11-0-62-1; Chanderpaul 10-0-60-0; Campbell 0 4-2-6-1

WEST INDIANS

S L Campbell b Thomson	0
S C Williams c Salmond b Williamson	132
*R B Richardson c Philip b Allingham	21
J C Adams c Govan b Williamson	57
K L T Arthurton c Philip b Sanger	9
S Chanderpaul run out	0
W K M Benjamin c Allingham b Williamson	1
†C O Browne not out	38
O D Gibson b Thomson	24
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 4, nb 12)	23
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	305

C A Walsh and R Dhanraj did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-67, 3-203, 4-237, 5-238, 6-244, 7-246, 8-305

BOWLING: Cowan 6-0-40-0; Thomson 11-1-43-2; Sanger 11-1-60-1; Allingham 11-1-48-1; Govan 7-0-39-0; Williamson 9-0-68-3

Umpires: H Blackburn and A Wood.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, second day of four, 110 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
LUTON: Northamptonshire v Essex
HORSHAM: Sussex v Surrey
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Kent

Other match

11.30, first day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Wickford: Essex v Surrey. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Jersey Open (La Moye). British Women's Amateur Championship (Royal Portrush).

HOCKEY: Women's European Nations' Cup (Amstelveen, Holland) Pool A: Germany v Ireland (2.0). Pool B: Spain v Scotland (4.0); Czech Republic v Russia (6.0), Holland v Scotland (8.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Arena Essex v Middlesbrough (8.0); Oxford v Belle Vue (7.45), Peterborough v Swindon (7.30)

TENNIS: Stella Artois Championship (Queen's Club). DFS Classic women's tournament (Birmingham).

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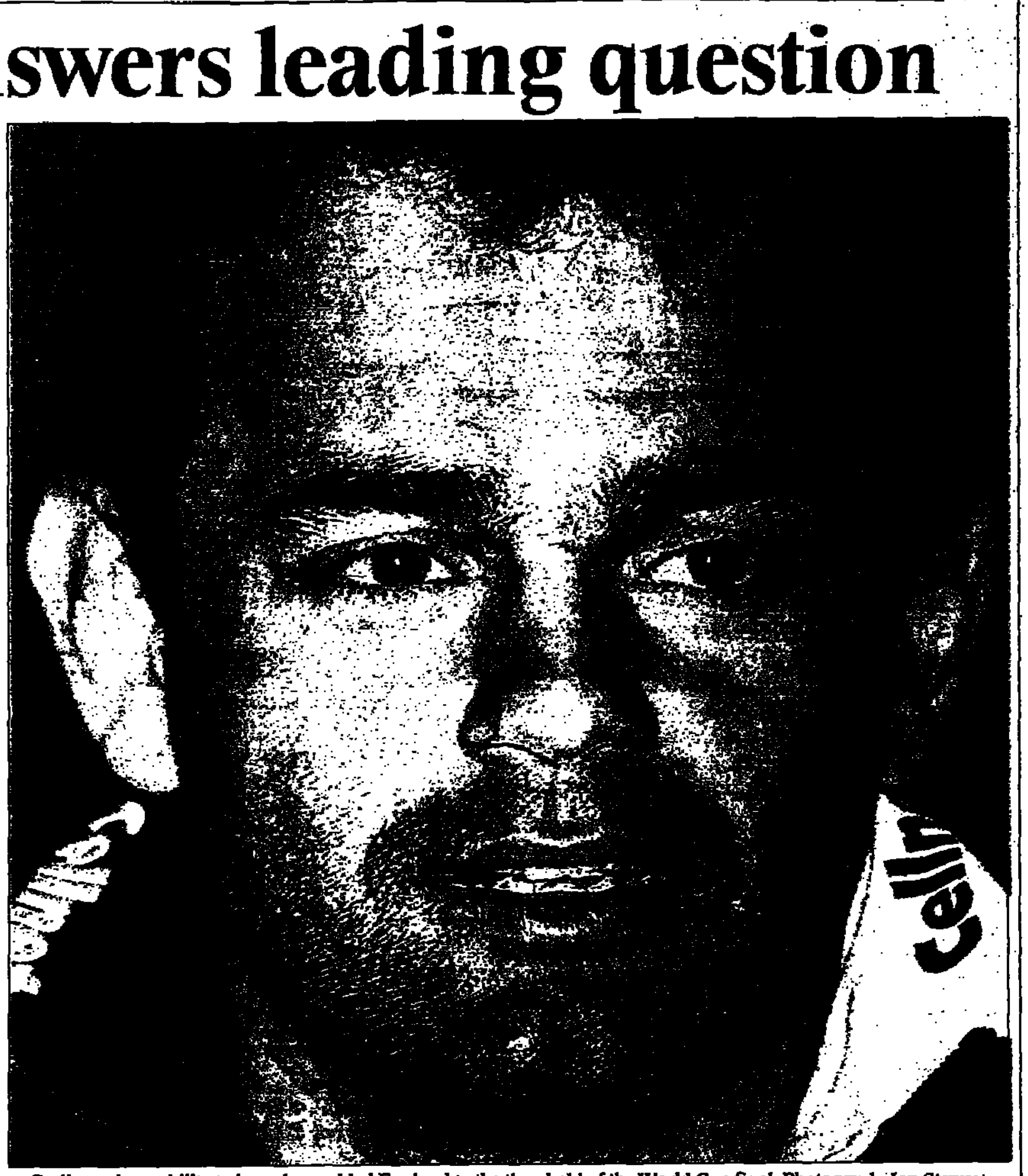
England's consistency bears out growing influence of popular captain

Carling answers leading question

FROM DAVID MILLER IN JOHANNESBURG



Carling, whose ability to learn has guided England to the threshold of the World Cup final. Photograph: Ian Stewart

A FORMER England international who played alongside Will Carling on his first appearance shares a minority view about England's rugby union captain: that there is a deeper side to the man than the public audience sees. Here is much more than some Captain Handsome playing a long, lucky streak.

The so-called officer-class characteristics are the clothes rather than the man, whose communication style tends to be a mixture of cool military briefing or slightly shallow self-mocking. The public finds him pleasantly bland, and the media finds him opaque. Where lies the real captain?

"He's shrewd and observant, and learns," the former colleague said. The evidence — a consistently winning team — suggests that Carling exerts influence that has steadily grown. He is now under more scrutiny than any England captain since Bobby Moore.

"I'm lucky in those I have around me; the calibre of players and the calibre of management," Carling said with the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand on Sunday rapidly approaching. "Critics can analyse from afar, but the only people who know [a captain's impact] are those within a squad. Outside, if we win, I'm OK. If we lose, I'm not. For some critics, it's more cut and dried — we keep winning and I'm still bloody awful."

A month afterwards, Carling is still modestly surprised by the level of support, from players and public, that he received during the brief rift with the Rugby Football Union over his ill-judged aside comment that led to temporary dismissal.

"I don't delude myself it was for *me*, the person, but more the [captain's] position that the public were supporting," Carling said. "It didn't prove I was a nice guy, but it was amazing to have the support. What emerged from that incident was how much the public realised the importance of players. Leaving me out of it, I think the players behaved well at the time, and it made some of the administrators recognise how popular the team is, how important success is, and that this comes from the players. It has helped our squad immensely."

Carling well knows the degree of scrutiny, but recognises the pressure as unavoidable. "That's the job," he said. "You have to be good enough, as player and captain, to stay in the squad, but I came close to not being good enough in 1993."

He works hardest at trying to keep the whole squad involved, to ensure that those not selected, some of them outstanding players, remain an integral part of the operation. "They may have the best observations on how we're playing, or about our next opponents, and their involvement is crucial," Carling said.

He liaises between manager and players, and vice versa. There has to be a common strand so that there is no friction, nothing that causes a surprise between the two. At 29, Carling ought to be at his peak.

> 'He only admits to fear between games'

"I try to maintain players' confidence, especially the younger ones," he said. "They need their confidence nurtured." A team as unified as England were against Australia does not happen by accident. None can know if the responsibility was more his than the manager's, but Carling is the longer established factor, having been captain for eight years.

"In rugby, you have decision-makers through the team," he said. "From the hooker at lineouts to the No 8 and the two half backs. As captain, you continually talk within that group, off the field, and my job is to ensure this works effectively."

Against Australia, Carling said, there was little that he had to say beyond regular references to Brian Moore, Dean Richards, Dewi Morris, and Rob Andrew. "It's no more than soundbites as you move through the game," he said. "To have the team 'looking' towards you throughout the match is not good leadership."

Why, some argue, does Carling not facilitate the alleged shift by Jack Rowell, the manager, to expansive rugby? Does the team care about their alleged negative play?

"I think they want people to enjoy England's success, but essentially this side wants to win," Carling said. "Sure, it's nice to throw it from wing to wing, but nobody could say the Australian match wasn't exciting. Aesthetically, maybe not great rugby, but our error was not to use a handful of openings, and that's where we want to get it right."

There is a fine line, he argued, between expansive rugby and a defensive kicking game. In the 1991 World Cup final, he reflected, Lynagh and Andrew, the stand-off halves, kicked almost equally from hand, but Australia made a handful of open runs. "That's what we aspire to."

Rowell's impact, Carling said, has been as much one of personality as of style. "There was a shake-up, just when some of us, me included, were drifting," he said. "He's now got a lot of senior men playing incredibly well, and this is very much from his use of peer pressure."

Carling pays tribute to Geoff Cooke's years of building from a lean start, but considers that Rowell's arrival, by whatever reason, was one of brilliant timing. Rowell has introduced subtleties that keep everyone on edge. If Cooke was the clerical strategist, Rowell is the platoon commander in the field; but always, as Carling observed, intriguingly, "behind a tree". Few of the players wholly understand him.

As an outstanding defensive player, Carling admits to fear — of physical injury such as suffered by de Glanville or Callard — but only between matches. "When I take the field, a stubborn, or stupid, streak takes over, so that if I am threatened, I go straight at it," he said. "But yes, when thinking about a game, sometimes I'm scared."

He does not, however, believe in heroics. For example, when confronting the problem on Sunday of the formidable Lomu on the wing. "We've discussed it in detail," he said. "One person has to slow him down, a second has to knock him over. That may put a stress on other areas for us, but he's young, naive, and we'll put defensive pressure on him, the long ball behind him. It's something to work on."

Houston has a ball as The Dream comes alive

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN HOUSTON

ARMIES of young men, women and children, roused from their beds, took to the streets here in the early hours of yesterday morning, blaring their car horns and brandishing brooms. In the midst of the city that they had turned into one big, happy traffic jam, people leapt from their cars and began sweeping the streets with their brushes. It seemed like a surreal echo of the Old South.

They made their way to the parade of bars on Richmond Avenue and, at dawn, the horns were still sounding, the people still wielding their brushes like dervishes. The message was plain — the Houston Rockets, their basketball team, had "swept". They had won the National Basketball Association (NBA) finals for the second year in succession, this time without allowing Orlando Magic, their opponents, a single game.

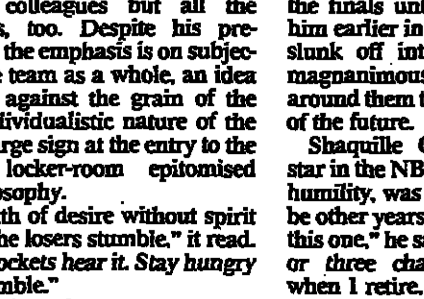
In America's Space City, mission had been accomplished. It was only the sixth time in the history of the world's premier basketball competition that a team had won the final, a seven-game series, 4-0. The victory was all the sweeter because the champions had been written off after a mediocre regular season before they came on fire in the play-offs.

Hakeem Olajuwon, better known as "The Dream", was named the most valuable player of the series. He breathes rare air in the heights that he commands and he took his sublime skills to a new level to clinch the 113-101 victory on Wednesday, top-scoring with 35 points, dominating the game. "Who needs Magic when you have a Dream," banners at The Summit arena proclaimed during the match.

Olajuwon started tentatively, but, as the game wore on, he began to excel. Twisting and turning with alarming speed, battling against double man-to-man marking, he was impossible to contain, hitting the basket with unerring accuracy. The game see-sawed from one team to the other throughout the first three quarters, but, in the fourth, the Rockets put the boosters on and lifted off.

"Everybody is rejoicing," Olajuwon said afterwards, celebrating with a can of orange juice while those around him drank champagne. "Every time you win a championship, that is the ultimate you can achieve. I would like to thank God for the opportunity to win it again."

The Rockets' surge to the title increasingly took on the air of a quasi-religious crusade as they fought back against the doubters who labelled them a one-season wonder. The supporters revelled in keeping the faith. In every other shop window here, in the back of every other car, posters promised the team: "We believe".



Drexler: winner at last

The biblical cadence was strengthened by the air of humility that Olajuwon brings to the team. He rediscovered Islam four years ago and his attitude has influenced not just his colleagues but all the supporters, too. Despite his pre-eminence, the emphasis is on subjection to the team as a whole, an idea that goes against the grain of the highly individualistic nature of the NBA. A large sign at the entry to the Rockets' locker-room epitomised their philosophy.

"The path of desire without spirit is where the losers stumble," it read. "All the Rockets hear it. Stay hungry but be humble."

Above the players' lockers, a length of card was hung with children's pictures and the handprints of each player. Opposite them, another, bigger, message said "BELIEVE" in capital letters. The intensity of the message — the psychology — was almost eerie.

"I have got just one thing to say to the non-believers," Rudy Tomjanovich, the Rockets' coach, said after the game. "Never underestimate the heart of a champion."

As Houston went wild and the plaudits rained down on Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler, the All-Star who had fought in vain for 12 years to win the finals until the Rockets signed him earlier in the season, the Magic slunk off into the night, deaf to magnanimous assurances from all around them that they were the team of the future.

Shaquille O'Neal, the brightest star in the NBA and not one given to humility, was downcast. "There will be other years for us, but we wanted this one," he said. "I want to win two or three championships so that, when I retire, people will say 'Shaq was a great player'." As he left the arena, he was greeted with one last banner: "Shaq Magic doesn't work in Dreamland".

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 4 Chicago 3 (13 inns), Colorado 10 Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 7 Montreal 3, Houston 9 Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 8 Pittsburgh 5, Florida 4 New York 0, San Diego 3 St Louis 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Championship finals: Houston 113 Orlando 101 Magic (Houston win best-of-seven series 4-0).

BRNO, Czech Republic: Women's European championship: Group A: Lithuania 59 Yugoslavia 51; Russia 97 Germany 72. Group B: Moldavia 79 Hungary 73; Ukraine 71 Romania 61; Slovakia 71 Croatia 67.

BOWLS

TEIGNMOUTH: Open tournament: Pairs Final: R Tolchard (Kings Torquay) and A Rees (Bristol Imperial) bt L Bowden and A Bowden (Torquay) 23-17.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): York: Lancashire 128 and 361 (N T Wood 135, A Flintoff 70); Yorkshire 445-7 dec (A C Morris 172, R A Kettleborough 112) and 43-0. Yorkshire won by 10 wickets. Abbotsholme School: Derbyshire 280 and 318-7dec (T J G O'Gorman 114, J E Owen 79). Middlesex 240 and 223-7 (M J Marvell 59). Match drawn. Collingham: Nottinghamshire 323; Kent 145 and 180 (G W Mike 5-32, Afzaal 4-38). Nottinghamshire won by innings and 18 runs. Oundle School: Northamptonshire 335-7dec and 252-4dec (A Fordham 91, M B Loye 51); Worcestershire 260 and 284 (J P J Sylvester 84, M Dawan 57, A R Roberts 4-57). Northamptonshire won by 43 runs. Sunderland: Durham 300-5dec and 174-5dec (P D Collingwood 52 not out); Hampshire 196 and 283-2 (T C Middleton 111 not out, M Keech 74). Hampshire won by eight wickets.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Toft: Cheshire 226-4dec (I Cockbain 68) and 46-3, Cornwall 121 (A J Murphy 6-50, N Peel 4-44). Leek: Staffordshire 253 (S J Dean 79; A Akhtar 4-49); Cambridgeshire 159-9 (N T Gadsby 81).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Denstone 8 67 Abbotsholme 68-1; Queen's, Taunton 144-7 Exeter 148-2. Tonbridge 279-1 (Pyemont 104 not out) Band of Brothers 265-9.

CROQUET

FONTENAY-LE-COMTE, France: World championships: Group A: C Clarke (Eng) bt S Williams (Ire) +26SXP; R Carter (Aus) bt A Taves (US) +9; Clarke bt Carter +17; Williams bt Taves +24TP. Group D: S Mulliner (Eng) bt B Beiz (Aus) +26TP; Mulliner bt I Burridge (Wales) +3; Burridge bt Bel: +26TP. Group E: S Cornish (Eng) bt J-Y Guermont (Fr) +26TP; C Williams (Wales) bt S Jones (NZ) +9; Cornish bt Jones +17TP; Williams bt Guermont +16. Group G: R McInerney (Ire) bt E Lualdi (It) +3. R Fulford (Eng) bt McInerney +26SXP. Fulford bt Lualdi +26SXP. First round: D Maughan bt Y Ravez (Fr) +25TP, +26; S Williams bt R Kelley (US) +26TP, +22TP. Clarke bt C Barlow (SA) +22SXP, +3. Mulliner bt S Liddiard (Scot) +25TP, -26TP, +235TP.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Second stage (201km, from Bellinzona to Visp): 1, G Furlan (It) 5hr 25min 33sec; 2, D Rebellin (It); 3, G Simoni (It) same time; 4, A Peron (It) at 0.01sec. 5, G Lombardi (It) 0.02; 6, J Ullrich (Ger) same time. Third stage (207km, from Visp to Geneva): 1, E Zabel (Ger) 5:06:45, 2, D Abduschaparov (Uzb); 3, G Fidanza (It); 4, J Capiot (Bel). 5, G Citterio (It); 6, O Ludwig (Ger) all same time. Overall: 1, A Zuelle (Switz) 10:40:41. 2, T Rominger (Switz) at 1sec. 3, P Richard (Switz) 6. 4, L Armstrong (US) 11; 5, Z Jaskula (Pol) 15; 6, V Ekimov (Russia) 16.

ROCHESTER GRAND PRIX: City Centre Series: 1, A Timms (Team Orange) 1hr 0min 7sec; 2, C Walker (Cycles Peugeot) at 5sec; 3, M Walsham (Team Ulusoy). Overall: 1, Walker 60pts; 2, C Lillywhite 40; 3, M Walsham 38.

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 Tournament: Final: France 0 Brazil 1.

SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Deportivo La Coruña 0 Sporting Gijon 1 (Deportivo win 2-1 on agg)

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Benfica 2 Sporting Lisbon 0. Final standings: 1, Porto 62pts; 2, Sporting 53; 3, Benfica 49; 4, Guimaraes 42.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Sweden): Semi-final: United States 0 Norway 1 (in Vasteras)

GLIDING

NYMPSFIELD, Gloucester: National standard class championships: Day two: no contest. Overall 1, P Jeffery (LS7) 514pts; 2, M Young (Discus) 406; equal 3, D Campbell (Discus) and J Hallam (Discus) 391; equal 5, J Edyvean (Discus) and P Coward (LS4) 382.

GOLF

ROYAL PORTRUSH: British women's amateur championship: First round: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt C Grady (Bawburgh) 3 and 2; I Tinning (Den) bt S Lambert (Coombe Hall) 1 hole, M Alsuguren (Fr) bt M-A Lapointe (Can) at 19th, J Oliver (Knebworth) bt C Caldwell (Sunningdale) 1 hole; V Thomas (Pennard) bt A-M Knight (Aus) at 19th; L Nicholson (Haddington) bt E Ratcliffe (Stirling University) 6 and 4; H Jones (Strabane) bt L A Vogel (US) 2 and 1; E Duggleby (Malton and Norton) bt E Dickson (St Andrews University) 8 and 7; J Moodie (Windyhill) bt A Murray (Lancaster) 2 and 1, S Fanagan (Milltown) bt L Walton (Calcot Park) 2 and 1; T Lipp (Can) bt F Giles (Aus) 2 and 1; A Berg (Swe) bt N Lawrenson (Chirk) 4 and 2; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) bt E Fields (Falmouth) 2 and 1, S Beautell (Sp) bt N Moore (Clandeboye) 9 and 8; C Schmitt (Fr) bt S Marais (SA) at 19th, C Hawkes (Brookmans Park) bt A Vincent (Fr) 2 and 1; K Tebbet (East Devon) bt M Hjorth (Swe) 1 hole; J-M Busuttil (Fr) bt M Streit (Can) 3 and 2; A Rose (Stirling) bt K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) at 20th, K Mourgue D'Algue (Fr) bt J Little (Can) 3 and 2; C Agnew (University of Glasgow) bt V Requier (Fr) 6 and 4; F Brown (Heswall) bt D McCarthy (Woodenbridge) 4 and 3; M Lojdahl (Swe) bt W Warrington (SA) 2 and 1; E Power (Kilkenny) bt G Nutter (Prestwich) 4 and 3; H Kavanagh (Grange) bt S O'Brien-Kenney (Grange) 2 and 1; Y Cassidy (Dundalk) bt C Janidlo (Can) 2 and 1, L Griffin (US) bt C Elie-Lefevre (Fr) 2 and 1; B Gleeson-Healy (Killarney) bt M McKenna (Donabate) 3 and 2; L Ericsson (Swe) bt R Hakkaranen (Fin) 2 holes; A Armas (Sp) bt L Moses (SA) 3 and 2; S Eriksson (Swe) bt L Kreutz (Fr) 2 and 1; M McKay (Turnberry) bt C Mourgue D'Algue (Fr) 3 and 2. Second round: Hall bt Tinning 1 hole; Alsuguren bt Oliver 2 and 1; Nicholson bt Thomas 4 and 2; Jones bt Duggleby 1 hole; Moodie bt Fanagan 5 and 4; Berg by Lipp 4 and 2; Beautell bt Hockley 4 and 2; Schmitt bt Hawkes 5 and 4. Busuttil bt Tebbet 5 and 4; Mourgue D'Algue bt Rose 5 and 4, Brown bt Agnew 1 hole; Power bt Lojdahl 4 and 2; Kavanagh bt Cassidy 4 and 3; Griffin by Gleeson-Healy 5 and 4; Armas bt Ericsson 4 and 2; McKay bt Eriksson at 19th.

LA MOYE: DHL Jersey Open: Early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 64: M Mackenzie, P Curry, D Ray. 66: R Rafferty, D Robertson. 68: M Nichols, G Levenson (SA), D Williams, P Moloney, E Darcy, H Clark, B Davis, D Carter, A Murray. 69: A Sorensen (Den), J Gronhagen (Swe), J Payne, R Boxall, P Affleck, R McFarlane. 70: I Palmer (SA), G Ralph, C Mason, D Cooper, G Turner (NZ), M Gates, R Drummond. 71: B Marchbank, J Bickerton, E O'Connell, M Hallberg (Swe), C O'Connor Jr, M James, F Andersson (Swe). 72: D Silva (Por), P Fowler (Aus), D Westermark (Swe), P Golding, B Longmuir, J Mellor.

HOCKEY

AMSTELVEEN, Holland: Women's European Nations' Cup: Group A: Germany 3 France 1; Spain 3 Russia 0. Group B: Holland 10 Sweden 0; Scotland 3 Czech Republic 1.

SWIMMING

CANET-EN-ROUSSILLON, France: International meeting: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Rus) 22.52sec, 2, R Nazuolis (Lith) 22.96; 3, V Predkin (Russ) 23.08. 200m freestyle: 1, A Kasvio (Fin) 1min 50.77sec; 2, R Schegolev (Russ) 1:50.71, 3, P Hoogenhand (Holl) 1:52.14. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Ivanov (Russ) 2:12.94, 2, R Ivanovsky (Russ) 2:13.97. 200m backstroke: V Selkov (Russ) 1:59.08. 200m butterfly: 1, D Pankratov (Russ) 1:55.22 (world record); 3, M Watkins (GB) 2:04.41. 400m individual medley: 1, C Myden (Can) 4.23.12; 2, L Sacchi (It) 4.24.75. Women: 50m freestyle: N Chao (China) 26.06sec. 200m freestyle: C Poll (Cro) 1min 59.86sec. 200m backstroke: 1, A Humphrey (US) 2:16.61; 2, K Osher (GB) 2:17.07; 3, J Meehan (Aus) 2:17.49. 200m butterfly: C Jeanson (Fr) 2:14.96. 400m individual medley: T Wu (China) 4:51.18.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Stella Artois Championship: Second round: M Goellner (Ger) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-3, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt P Rafter (Aus) 5-7, 7-6, 9-7; B Becker (Ger) bt D Sapsford (GB) 6-1, 6-1; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-2, 6-2. G Forget (Fr) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 7-6, 7-5, J Bates (GB) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 7-6. Third round: G Forget (Fr) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt Bates 6-3, 7-5.

EDGBASTON: DFS Classic women's tournament: Second round: Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt C Vis (Holl) 7-6, 6-1, L Golarsa (It) bt M Paz (Arg) 6-4, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) bt M Schnell (Austria) 7-5, 6-4; N Arendt (US) bt N Louarsabishvili (Geo) 7-6 6-1. Third round: K Radford (Aus) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 2-6, 6-4, 8-6; E Reinach (SA) bt (6) L Neiland (Lat) 6-1, 6-2; Garrison-Jackson bt Golarsa 6-4, 6-3. L Courtois (Bel) bt M Tu (US) 6-2, 7-6; L McNeil (US) bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; C Singer (Ger) bt P Shriver (US) 6-3, 6-4; E Callens (Bel) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-1, 6-2; N Arendt (US) bt M Oremans (Holl) 6-1, 7-6.

ROSMALEN, Holland: Men's tournament: Second round: P Haarhuis (Holl) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt D Norman (Bel) 7-5, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt A Thoms (Ger) 7-6, 7-5.

LISBON: Men's tournament: Second round: J Arrese (Sp) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; H Gumy (Arg) bt A Lopez Moron (Sp) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; C Arriens (Ger) bt K Goossens (Bel) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Second round: H Gumy (Arg) bt A Moron (Sp) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; C Arriens (Ger) bt K Goossens (Bel) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; C Costa (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 6-2. J Arrese (Sp) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-1, 6-3.

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A verdict on the Windsors

Three Writers in Search of a Character. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

Neither Edward VIII nor Mrs Simpson emerge with much credit from this anatomy of the King who gave up his throne and the woman for whom he did it. Caroline Blackwood and Philip Ziegler have written books about the Windsors and Simon Raven has scripted a television serial about them. Blackwood, at least, admits to having felt sorry for the widowed recluse who was kept a virtual prisoner in her Paris chateau. Ziegler thinks it was because the Duchess treated her royal spouse like dirt that he found her irresistible. Raven thinks she was cold and sharp and acquisitive. He would not have given ten shillings for her.

Kaleidoscope Feature: The Search for Nicholas Ludford. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

But who is or was Ludford? Well may you ask. Few musical reference books even bother to mention him. All the more reason, then, for the *Kaleidoscope* team to put some flesh on his few bones. He was a 15th to 16th-century English composer of church music. We hear enough of his part-songs tonight to realise how talented he was. Diligently, a team of experts in musical archaeology dig a path to a greater understanding both of the man and his music. They find his will, establish where in Westminster, London, he lived, and hazard a guess (which sounds fairly accurate to me) as to where in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, his bones lie. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** *Lisa I'Anson, including at* **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00pm**. Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** *Fifties after Three* **3.30** Steve Jones **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Are You Sitting Comfortably? **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night, incl at **8.20** Leonard Pearcey **9.00** *Listen to the Band* **10.00** Dublin Re-Joyces: Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** *Wake Up to Money* **6.00** *The Breakfast Programme*, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl Video Review and Euronews; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press, with Jay Rayner **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours: By-election special **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Drama: Salem's Lot **8.00** News **8.15** On the Move **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** John Dunn **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: Alternative **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** News **5.15** Music Review **6.00** News **6.05** Business **6.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** News **8.00** Europe Today **8.30** Outlook **8.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Multitrack: Alternative **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** The Farming World **Midnight** News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** John Peel **12.45** Sport **1.00** *Newsdesk* **1.30** *From the Weeklies* **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** News **2.10** Press **2.15** Seven Days **2.30** Jazz **2.45** Books **3.00** Newsday **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** The Vintage Chart

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths — Networks, Matrices and *Functions* **6.55** *Weather*

7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. **7.05** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Recorder Sonata in B flat, Fitzwilliam); **7.26** Bantock (The Sea Reivers); Weber (Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34); *Chopin (Scherzo No 1 in B* Schubert (Trinklied, D148, Morgenlied, D266); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G);

9.00 Composer of the Week: Dvořák. An exploration of the composer's symphonic poems and operas, including *The Water Goblin* and *Rusalka*

9.45 Musical Encounters, with Andrew Lyle. Beethoven (Sextet in E flat); **10.20** *Artist of the Week*: Jacqueline du Pré, cello, performs Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); **11.00** Bartók (Suite, The Miraculous Mandarin); Havergal Brian (Symphony No 31)

12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Martyn Brabbins (r)

1.00pm Friday Chamber Music, live from Kendal Town Hall. Catherine King, soprano, Jacob Heringman, lute/Renaissance guitar, Sarah Cunningham, viol, perform music from 16th-century Spain

2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Music Course 1 — Melody Muddle's Music Machine **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Fairest Isle: Mining the Archive: Susan Sharpe introduces Aldeburgh Festival concerts from June 1953 and June 1975

4.20 Fairest Isle: *Turns of the Century*: Gillian Reynolds on Les Dawson

4.30 Songs of South East Asia: *John Thornley introduces* traditional court gamelan and ritual music from Malaysia and Indonesia

5.00 *The Music Machine*: Thomas Trotter, the City Organist of Birmingham, is Tommy Pearson's guide to *the organ*

5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas. Auber (Overture, Fra Diavolo); Chopin (Bolero in C, Op 19); **6.30** Corelli, arr Barbirolli (Oboe Concerto)

7.30 Fairest Isle: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Susan Parry, mezzo, Stephen Richardson, bass, Rolf Hind, piano. Live from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, in Glasgow. Martin Dalby (The Tower of Victory); Dominic Muldowney (Piano Concerto); **8.20** A Modern Ecstasy, with Lyell Cresswell and Patrick McGuire; **8.40** Lyell Cresswell (A Modern Ecstasy)

9.30 Movers and Shakers: In the last of the series, Faynia Williams looks at the life of Ellen Stewart, founder of New York's La MaMa Theatre

9.55 Hear and Now: Highlights from the International Festival of Electro-Acoustic Music in Bourges; **10.40** Music from the Year Zero, presented by Christopher Fox; **11.25** Adrian Jack (Chromatic Fantasy)

12.00-1.00am Grétry to Gershwin: Roy Strong presents the history of light opera (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming *Today* **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: The blues guitarist John Lee Hooker (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; No Further Questions (FM only): Nicholas Stewart, QC, looks at how the Duke of Grafton's son tried to extricate himself from his marriage to a circus performer in the 1870s

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only): Edwin to Whitby. A history of Britain, with Roger May

10.30 Woman's Hour: The actress Thandie Newton talks to Jenni Murray

11.30 The Natural History Programme from South Africa, presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan

12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, presented by Nick Clarke

1.40 *The Archers* (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: A Room with a View. Part one of E.M. Forster's novel (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow visits the London Tate Gallery; and reviews *The Suit*, produced by Johannesburg's Market Theatre

4.45 Short Story: Deprivation. Myfanwy Talog reads Eigra Lewis Roberts's story (r)

5.00 PM, with Jon Sopel and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places, presented by David Stafford

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Christopher Serle

8.05 *Any Questions?* From Stoneleigh, Warwickshire with John Biffen, MP; David Blunkett, MP, Shadow Education Secretary; the historian Niall Ferguson; and Rabbi Julia Neuberger

8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character: *See Choice*

9.15 Letter from America (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature (r). See Choice **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Joan's Book. Joan Littlewood reads her autobiography (5/10)

11.00 Week Ending: Sally Grace, Toby Longworth, Jeffrey Holland and Julie Gibbs take a satirical look at the week's news

11.25 Fourth Column: Alistair Beaton's guests include Arthur Smith

11.45 As Soon as I Open My Mouth: East End — West End. Although Ivor and Sid Spencer were both raised in the East End of London, their accents differ considerably (r)

12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LONDON RADIO:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.45am). **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **TALK RADIO:** MW 1089, 1053kHz **Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey**

Looking good is only one third of the battle

Love her or loathe her, there is no denying that Baroness Thatcher has style — *that* voice, that delivery and, as my colleague Peter Barnard has *remarked, that* hair. Artifice, of course, as she admitted to David Frost on Monday night, and as **The Mind Field** (Channel 4) returned to reveal last night: the real secret of *her success* was her mastery of something called the three-part list. No, no, no — I *didn't* quite understand it either.

Having kicked off this enjoyably undemanding series last week with lying (curiously, without the help of a single politician), Kwame McKenzie turned his psychological attentions to power and how to get it. For men, he told us, the answer is simple — be tall, be attractive and, above all, have good... What was *it*? *Oh* yes... er, timing. Quite how, therefore, Michael Winner qualifies *as an expert on the* subject, I'm not quite sure. But there he was.

Proudly, he told us he rejected the vulgar trappings of the rich wannabees: "I'd rather look a complete schlock." Having *consulted* a dictionary (schlock: cheap, inferior, trashy) I can only say that *Winner is a man of his word.*

Only the aristocracy are born with power, he thought. For the rest of us "it comes along the way either by achievement... or personality". *But there are drawbacks*: "The main disadvantage is that it is ephemeral, it will go. The other disadvantage... no, I can't think of another disadvantage." At least he's an honest schlock.

The Mind Field picks its interview subjects, you get the impression, *not so much for what they say* as for their visual impact. Last night, for instance, we had the nice, balding gentleman in a comfy, green turtleneck sitting next to his partner — a seriously bobbed blonde dressed from head to toe in black leather. Somehow I couldn't help thinking she might be happier with the dude doing a mean impression of Barry White. He, too, was bald — but dressed completely in black satin.

Even the good Dr McKenzie, one suspects, has been picked more for his looks than his links. But even they (the looks that is) needed a bit of media moulding before he was passed fit as a frontman. *"They changed the way I* stood, the way I held my head, the way I used my hands — they even lowered my voice." Fine — all he's got to do now is crack those three-part lists and it's next stop, Downing Street.

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Over on *BBC2, Samuel* Goldwyn was demonstrating what is needed to wield power in the movie world — *his* nose. "It's the only thing I can fly by," he said, tapping it vigorously. It also helps to have Goldwyn's wallet. As Jane Walmsley's film for **The Business** reminded us, making movies is not cheap — Goldwyn invested £5 million in *The Madness of King George.*

By contrast, Clockwork Mice, a British film backed by British money, is costing just £1.3 million. Better than a poke in the eye, you might think, but only just, according to its impoverished cast and crew. "I actually associate film-making with being poor," said the director, who like everyone else was working for 50 per cent of union rates. But there's poor and poor, *as John Alderton, one of the* film's stars, perhaps unwisely made clear. "I think everyone was on the same deal — £300 a day, a car into work and lunch." Shall I start the collection, or will you?

But stop. I'm knocking the British film industry, which is *something Goldwyn told us we* must not do. His theory, you see, about the prolonged malaise of our film industry is that it has nothing to do with its inability to make films that the rest of the world wants to watch and everything to do with the press. "You have a *press machine which wants to put* down anything that is British." Nonsense — some of my best friends are Hugh Grant.

Chastening stuff — but it was informative, too, about the current trends in making and selling movies. For while the canny Goldwyn stuck to platitudes — "for every dollar you spend you have to get two dollars back" — Paul Brooks, the young producer of *Clockwork Mice*, was engagingly open. "I predicate all my financing on the assumption that the film is not going to work. If the worst happens and they still get their money back, that's pretty radical in a business that is very high risk *and where eight out of ten films* don't work."

Walmsley neatly contrasted the two very different approaches. While Goldwyn could spend $1 million on marketing, and throw lavish New *York parties to help to secure those* commercially vital Oscar nominations, Brooks was hosting a test showing for "friends of friends". "There's a glass of wine and one Hula-hoop each," he promised. Let's hope *Clockwork Mice* is a success — it could be a whole packet, *next time.*

Away from the glittering world of film, the latest trend in television *drama appears to be the spin-off* documentary. For no sooner does *Peak Practice* end, than **The Other Peak Practice** comes along to enliven ITV's afternoon schedules. Same location (Crich in Derbyshire), same subject (medicine) but real doctors instead of Dr Kerruish *and co. But there the resemblance* ends, according to Dr Glyn MacArthur: "There doesn't seem to be much similarity between what I see in *Peak Practice* and my everyday life." Some patients, however, seemed to be treating their consultations more as audi*tions. "It's my right knee," moaned* a Peter Ustinov lookalike: "Everything I eat goes straight into adipose tissue." What is it they say about day jobs?

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (52158)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (90116719)

9.05 Big Day Out. Bob Langley, Mo Dutta and Victoria Studd visit Looe in Cornwall (r) (s) (8612988) **9.50 Hot Chefs**. Alistair Little prepares the traditional Japanese dish of Oshitashi (r) (s) (3910968)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9891974) **10.05 Kids' Kilroy** (r) (s) (2896622)

10.30 Good Morning Summer *(s). Includes* **News**, regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (21532697)

12.25 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly presents the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (4614448) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (64190245)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (51326) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (35727429) **1.50 Howards' Way**. Drama about well-heeled South Coast yachting folk (r). (Ceefax) (8445055)

2.40 Bread. Comedy about the Boswells, a resourceful Liverpudlian family (r) (3473158) **3.15 Gourmet Ireland**. Paul and Jeanne Rankin prepare a low-fat nutritious meal (s) (343697)

3.45 Dinobabies (r) (2889910) **4.10 X-Men**. (Ceefax) (s) (4993535) **4.30 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (142) **5.00 Newsround**. (Ceefax) (2996803) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (7035448)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (900142)

6.00 Six O'Clock News *(Ceefax) and weather (535)*

6.30 Regional news magazines (887)

7.00 Michael Jackson - The Man and His Music. The singer and his wife, Lisa Marie Presley Jackson, are interviewed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (s) (2087)

8.00 Due South. Comedy drama series about a squeaky-clean Canadian Mountie working in Chicago with a street-wise local detective. Starring Paul Gross and David Marciano. (Ceefax) (s) (239784)

Cheetahs wait to pounce on their prey (8.50pm)

8.50 Hotshots. (Ceefax) (s) (466719)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3245)

9.30 999. (Ceefax) (s) (593516)

10.25 FILM: Crazy People (1990) starring Dudley Moore, Daryl Hannah and Paul Reiser. A comedy about a an advertising executive who is committed to a mental hospital by his colleagues when he decides to be totally truthful in his company's adverts. Directed by Tony Bill. (Ceefax) (s) (9394413)

11.50 Golf. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the second round of the US Open from Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, New York (172546)

12.50am FILM: Mr Wrong (1985) starring Heather Bolton, David Letch and Gary Stalker. A psychological thriller about a young woman haunted by an unearthly presence. Directed by Gaylene Preston (7459456)

2.15 Weather (6479098)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Cognitive Development (7414264) **7.10** History: Witting and Unwitting Testimony (9855210) **7.35** Innovation on the Rails (5846055)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8753887)

8.15 For The Love of It. A profile of Chris Barnett, a professional snooker player and boys' choirmaster (r) (7947887) **8.20 Biking Butler**. Tony Butler cycles from Staffordshire to the Black Country (r) (8733451) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (2873993)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2895993) **2.00-2.10** Joshua Jones (69348239)

2.15 Tennis. The quarter-finals of the Stella Artois Grass Court Championships from Queen's Club, London. Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55** (11846871)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Classic ghoulish comedy (528158)

6.25 The Champions. Fantasy spy adventures (r). (Ceefax) (994993)

7.15 Cardiff Singer of the World. *Five more singers,* from China, Germany, Chile, France and Denmark compete for a place in Sunday's final. The BBC *National Orchestra of Wales is conducted by Guido* Ajmone-Marsan, with piano accompanist Phillip Thomas (s) (195500)

8.00 Ready, Steady, Cook. *Innovative recipes series* introduced by Fern Britton (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8142)

8.30 Gardeners' World live from the NEC, Birmingham, *presented by Geoff Hamilton and Gay Search.* (Ceefax) (s) (1167)

9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1887)

9.30 The All-New Alexei Sayle Show 2. (Ceefax) (s) (96806)

10.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r). (Ceefax) (68535)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (166806)

11.15 The Vibe. *Black music quiz presented by Lisa* I'Anson (s) (781448). **Wales**: Welsh Lobby (781448) 11.45 The Vibe (780719) 12.15am Weather *(2871814) 12.20-3.10 Film: Rocco and his Brothers* (98330272) **11.45 Weather** (477974)

Annie Girardot and Renato Salvatori (11.50pm)

11.50 FILM: Rocco and his Brothers (1960, b/w) starring Alain Delon, Renato Salvatori and Annie Girardot. A drama about a widow and her five sons who leave their home in rural Sicily to live in Milan where they are drawn into a vicious circle of poverty and crime. Directed by Luchino Visconti. In Italian with English subtitles (789581). *Ends at 2.45*

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The follicle-challenged funnyman (BBC2, 9.30pm)

The All New Alexei Sayle Show 2

BBC2, 9.30pm

British comedy's favourite baldie is back with more sketches, stand-up routines and general nonsense. The standard is variable, but a rough rule of thumb is that Sayle is funnier as himself than when trying to be other people. His portrayal of the world's worst warm-up comic flounders because it is difficult to laugh at somebody who cannot make others laugh. The stand-up material is usually best, seasoned with a nice touch of the ridiculous and somehow more effective for being delivered on the hoof. The show is almost worth catching for: "Never buy tandoori prawns from a car boot sale". Or you may relish: "The day after the bomb exploded on Nagasaki they still had a better bus service than London under the Tories."

Hotshots: Killing Time

BBC1, 8.50pm

The wildlife version of *How Do They Do That?* moves to the Masai Mara game reserve in Kenya. Footage of a cheetah sprinting after its prey has enlivened many a nature documentary but capturing the few vital seconds of film is often the result of weeks of preparation. The gazelle, the cheetah's prey, is relatively easy to find. But it is possible to go for days without seeing a cheetah. As Simon King explains, being in the right spot at the right time involves trying to think like the predator, and, for that matter, its prey. The killing is never a pretty sight but the chase is something else. King calls it a "balletic combination of power and grace" and underlines the point by replaying a typical pursuit in slow motion.

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BBC1, 9.30pm (Scotland 10.30pm)

Trooping the Colour is a show that must go on but in 1993 it was nearly held up because of a horrible accident to PC Chas Connor. He was carrying out a fingerprint search of the temporary seating at Horse Guards Parade when he fell from the scaffolding on to a fence of spiked railings. He was impaled through each thigh and left dangling in agony. A Fire Brigade video shows the rescue, which took two hours. We can share the victim's torment in the happy knowledge that he survived it. The same applies to another policeman, who suffered a huge electric shock, and a woman paraglider who fell 200 feet down a cliff. We also say goodbye to the *Baywatch* of Perranporth in Cornwall and there are the usual tips on first aid.

Monty Python's Flying Circus

BBC2, 10.00pm

Yet another *Python* repeat is not complete compensation for a BBC2 Friday schedule suddenly laid bare with the departure of *Fantasy Football League* and *Have I Got News For You*. But there are worse candidates for the summer repeat season than Palin, Cleese, Idle, Chapman and Jones (not forgetting *Terry Gilliam and his animations*), particularly as they are still funnier than most of today's television comedy. The *Python* nonsense endures because at its best it is timeless. That is why the dead parrot sketch can be endlessly revived without losing its force. There are no dead parrots tonight but unorthodox flying lessons, a hijacking to Luton and the Psychiatrist's Diary Limited are among the treats. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (7147697) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw**. Celebrity quiz (s) (9084564) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2709142)

10.00 Step by Step. Sit-com (r) (s) (14351)

10.30 This Morning Weekday family magazine (81997448) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1591500)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2126993)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2038784) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (25907784) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Kate befriends an elderly *woman (s) (35642784)*

2.20 Just a Minute Nicholas Parson, Tony Slattery and Dale Winton are joined by Mariella Frostrup and *Carolyn Marshall (s) (12065887)* **2.50 High Road** (Teletext) (6701719) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (3504790) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) *and weather (3503061)*

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1873968) **3.45 Molly's Gang** (s) (1881546) **3.55 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (7431722) ***4.25 Transylvania Pet Shop*** *(Teletext) (s)* (4894210) **4.50 Art Attack** (r). (Teletext) (1328516)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (7029887)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (944185)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (442784)

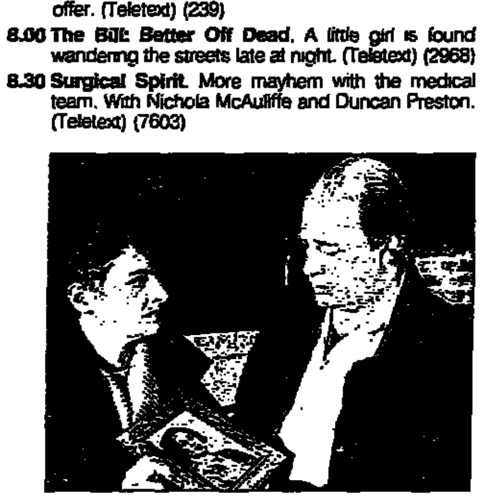
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (150142)

7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse's guests *include Linda Lusardi Tom O'Connor*, Ray Alan, Mick Miller, Julia Hills, Floella Benjamin, Joe Pasquale, John Lenahan and Richard Digance. *(Teletext) (s) (9448)*

7.30 Coronation Street. Mike turns down an interesting offer. (Teletext) (239)

8.00 The Bill: Better Off Dead. A little girl is found wandering the streets late at night. (Teletext) (2968)

8.30 Surgical Spirit. More mayhem with the medical team. With Nichola McAuliffe and Duncan Preston. (Teletext) (7603)



Bevan has very bad news for Abineri (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief. John Halkin (Sebastian Abineri) learns from DS Penfold (Gillian Bevan) that his wife has *been murdered.* (Teletext) (s) (7177)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (55061)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (821351)

10.40 Rugby World Cup 1995. Mark Austin and Mary Nightingale take an in-depth look at the semi-finalists (621332)

11.10 Richard Littlejohn — Live and Uncut (s) (467622)

12.40am Aussie Candid Camera. Unsuspecting antipodeans are caught in improbable situations (6003901)

1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (2046727)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (7290833)

3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (64163630)

3.25 Noisy Mothers. Heavy metal music magazine (s) (5531123)

4.30 The New Music. Includes interviews with Jeff Buckley and Seal (38475)

5.30 ITN Morning News (15543). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex (r) (9780581)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (47177)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (69210)

9.30 Schools. Eureka! (9573784) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (9578239) **10.00** Irish Writers (2890061) ***10.25*** *Eurokids (9402061)* ***10.40*** *Off Limits* (3148448) **11.05** Schools at Work (2056142) **11.11** Time for Maths (3181974) **11.22** Stage One (3098210) **11.40** Co Sinn Is Carson (9007784)

12.00 Profiles Of Nature. Filmed in Nova Scotia, the nesting and rearing of America's national bird — the bald eagle (r) (52974)

12.30 Sesame Street The guest is Whoopi Goldberg (r) (38535) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** *and* **The Clangers** (r) (64945535)

1.55 I Camcorder Advice on filming a football match (r) *(Teletext) (s) (64657326)*

2.25 Channel 4 Racing From York. Live coverage of the **2.40** (William Hill Stakes), **3.10** (Innovative Marketing Sprint Stakes) **3.40** (Shepherd Construction Apprentice Stakes) and **4.10** (Westminster Taxi Insurance Stakes) races (s) *(58848516)*

4.30 Fifteen-To-One. (Teletext) (s) (852)

5.00 The Wild West (r). (Teletext) (s) (9061)

6.00 Blossom Teen comedy. (Teletext) (s) (245)

6.30 Happy Days. Richie is the toast of Jefferson High when he wins the chance to escort a Hollywood starlet (Cheryl Ladd) to the school dance (r) (Teletext) (242351)

6.55 Terrytoons *featuring Lariat Sam (754326)*

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (829535)

7.55 You Don't Know Me But... A person in the news receives unsolicited advice (s) (141603)

8.00 Garden Club visits Rochester. (Teletext) (s) (3210)

Stephen Donald leaves hospital (8.30pm)

8.30 Brookside. Carl Banks (Stephen Donald), having recovered from the fire, now faces the legal problems of his cheap lager deals. *(Teletext) (s)* (5245)

9.00 The World of Lee Evans. The third of a four-part comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (3055)

9.30 Friends. Comedy about a group of single New Yorker friends. (Teletext) (s) (81974)

10.00 Roseanne. More wisecracking comedy. (Teletext) (s) (53603)

10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey (r). (Teletext) (s) (432351)

11.05 Eurotrash. Last in the sleaze magazine series. (s) (346054). Followed by **Beastly Behaviour: African Clawed Frog**. Animation

11.40 FILM: Phase IV (1974) starring Nigel Davenport, Lynn Frederick and Michael Murphy An award-winning science-fiction thriller about a scientist in conflict with intelligent ants in the Arizona desert Directed by Saul Bass (794582)

1.15am FILM: The Greed Of William Hart (1948, b/w) starring Tod Slaughter and Henry Oscar. A melodramatic account of the grave robbers, Burke and Hare, in 19th-century Edinburgh. Directed by Oswald Michael (7632123) Ends at **2.35**

VARIATIONS

IGLIA

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CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2709142) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (1591500) 2.20-3.20 Father Dowling Investigates (2320871) 3.25-3.30 Central News (3503061) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (7029887) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (150142) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (821351) 11.10 Oxford Blues (269603) 1.00am Profile (7007340) 4.25 Jobfinder (1888611) 5.20 Asian Eye (6207253)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2709142) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (1591500) 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2038784) 1.25 Home and Away (28909158) 1.50 Blue Heelers (5591326) 2.50-3.20 Travel Trails (6701719) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (3503061) 5.10-5.40 High Road (7029887) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (150142) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (821351) 11.10 Gregory's Girl (253177) 12.55am Get Stuffed (6264678) 1.05 The James Whale Show (2046727) 2.05 The Chart Show (7290833) 3.00 Cinema, Cinema Cinema (64163630) 3.25 Noisy Mothers (5531123) 4.30 The New Music (38475)

HTV WEST

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HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (555) 10.40 Rugby World Cup 1995 (621332) 11.10 Without Her Consent (817784)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2038784) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (25907784) 2.20-2.50 An Invitation to Remember (12065887) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7029887) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (88887) 11.10 The Hidden Room (284806) 11.40 Phoenix (494351) 12.35am The James Whale Show (3395272) 1.35 Noisy Mothers (6665098) 2.30 Coach (63340) 3.00 Cue the Music (5434272) 3.55 The Album Show (1963475) 4.50 Phenomena (87550017) 5.00 Freescreen (63727)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2038784) 1.25 Home and Away (25907784) 1.55-3.25 Murder, She Wrote (5590697) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7029887) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (88887) 11.10 Johnny Handsome (817784)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2038784) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (25907784) 2.20 Murder, She Wrote (5647448) 3.10 Help Yourself (3515806) 3.15-3.20 Five Minutes (3514177) 3.25-3.30 Calendar News (3503061) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7029887) 5.55 Calendar (527245) 6.30-7.00 The Fashion Show (555) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (821351) 11.10 Klute (43218429) 1.15am The James Whale Show (883235) 2.15 The Big E (7298017) 3.10 The Beat (5430456) 4.05 Shift (1817123) 4.55 Profile (87588036) 5.00 Sportsworld (63727)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (97993) 8.00 The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (13055) 8.30 Blockbusters (12326) 9.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (33535) *10.00 Concentration* (67413) 10.30 Card Sharks (96790) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (91968) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (16142) 12.30pm Designing Women (38806) 1.00 The Waltons (26061) 2.00 Matlock (89142) 3.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (5365326) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (3437158) 4.30 The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (3158) 5.00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (3239) 6.00 Spellbound (7351) 6.30 Family Ties (8603) 7.00 Rescue (4968) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4887) 8.00 Who Do You Do? (6516) 8.30 Code 3 (8351) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (87142) 10.00 Quantum Leap (60429) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman M0(232968) 11.50 LA Law (925806) 12.45am The Untouchables (2343098) 1.30 In Living Color (83388) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix Long Play (7192611)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (1277610) 9.30 Sky Worldwide Report (26526) *10.30 ABC Nightline* (96332) 11.00 World News and Business (349784) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning (82177) 2.30 Sky Destinations (57852) 3.30 Special Report (3681) 4.00 World News and Business (45822) 5.00 Live at Five (2221429) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (30915351) 8.30 The O.J. Simpson Trial (139974) 11.30 CBS News (21974) 12.30am ABC News (5144388) 1.10 Littlejohn Replay (6442185) 2.30 Sky Destinations (27920) 3.30 Special Report (39765) *4.30 CBS News* (85307) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (40253)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7496177) 10.00 Black Gold (1963) (32622) 12.00 Home to Stay (1978) (686564) 1.35pm Columbo: Undercover (1992) (30348968) *3.10 King of* Kings (1961) (14713603) 5.50 The King of Comedy (1982) (55400535) 7.40 US Top Ten (351413) 8.00 Made in America (1993) (89790) 10.00 Under Investigation (1993) (190582) 11.40 Street Knight (1992) (742806) 1.15am Night of the Living Dead *(1992) (8983524) 2.40 The Arrogant* (1987) (2868369) 4.05-6.00 Perfect Family (1992) (387776)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Baby Talk (6790) 2.30 Murphy Brown (7332) 3.00 Falcon Crest (26535) 4.00 Farewell My Lovely (1944) (3413) 6.00 Reap the Wild Wind (1942) (78168852) 8.05 Running Scared (1986) (98494897) 10.00 The Fortune (1975) (24871) 11.30-2.00am The Verdict (1982) (296968)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

5.00am Living Free (1972) (80603) 8.00 Black Arrow (1988) (84239) 9.00 Black Beauty (1987). Equine animation (26245) 10.00 Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (30284) 12.00 Huck and the King of Hearts (1993) (43887) 2.00pm Them! (1954) (75351) 4.00 Black Arrow (1988). As 8am (4767719) 4.55 Black Beauty (1987): As 9am (4058784) 5.50 Breathing Lessons (1993) (66896158) 7.30 The Movie Show (4697) 8.00 Secrets (1992) (67332) 10.00 Body Snatchers (1993) (20061) 11.30 Swing Kids (1992) (897910) 1.25am Double Dare (1992) Erotic tale (159017) 3.00 Inserts (1975) (146104) 4.45-6.00 Ivanhoe (1986). Chivalrous animation (8458746)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am WWF Action Zone (31784) 8.00 Stella Artois Tennis (32413) 9.00 Rugby Union (34177) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (52061) 10.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA (76697) 12.00 World Sport Special (41413) 12.30pm Pole Position (10784) 1.30 Rugby Union (82448) 2.00 *Trans World Sport* (86516) 3.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA, Live: US Open (4855142) 8.00 Pole Position (18822) 9.00 Stella Artois Tennis (97018) *10.00 Ford Golf USA, Live (98784)* 12.00 Australian Rugby League (63765) 2.00-4.30am NBA Basketball Final, Live (613920)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am End Zone (5467177) 7.00 The Winning Post, Live from Edinburgh and *Goodwood (2871041) 9.00 Ringside. Paul* Lawson v Franco Wanyoma in the Commonwealth Cruiserweight Championship (13581) 11.00-12.00 End Zone (6471005)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (91500) 8.30 Tennis (38993) 9.00 Eurofun (29245) 9.30 Mountainbike (54429) 10.00 Triathlon (17974) 11.00 Motorcycling Magazine (65264) 11.30 Formula 1 (86993) 12.00 Live Tennis (8273326) 4.30pm Motorsports Report (33264) 5.30 Live Olympic Winter Games (22622) 6.30 News (6887) 7.00 Aerobics (5852) 7.30 Live *Artistic Gymnastics (717516) 10.00 Boxing* (28413) 11.00 Sailing (18603) 12.00-12.30am News (88384)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8285887) 8.30 Peyton Place (8294158) 9.00 As the World Turns

Paul Newman in *The Verdict* (Sky Movies Gold, 11.30pm)

(6519622) 10.00 Guiding Light (7821546) 11.00-12.00 Another World (6471005)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (8298974) 12.30pm Boomerang (5459158) 1.00 Great Sports Vacations (4877826) 1.30 Spice of Life. Curry (5458429) 2.00 Ticket to Paradise (5307516) 2.30 On Top of the World (2458790) 3.00 Australia — From the Outside Looking In (3732158) 4.00 Sky Travel Guide Review (2376142) 4.30 Wide World of Kids *(2372326) 5.00 Ticket to Paradise (5225968)* 5.30-6.00 Around the World in 30 Minutes (2469806)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (5177535) 9.30 Simply Delicious Fish (8072500) 10.00 Gardens Without Borders (9807784) 10.30 Men in a Woman's World (5173719) 11.00 Only Human (2638887) 11.45 Just the Job (39213992) 12.00 Life is for Living (5084871) 12.30pm Amanda and Friends (9156516) 1.00 Simply Delicious Fish (9560535) 1.30 The Joy of Painting (9155887) 2.00 The Famine Within (3554142) 2.45 Draw with *Don (2871852)* *3.00 Gardens Without* Borders (4332622) 3.30-4.00 Local Heroes (3777210)

UK GOLD

7.00am Great Expectations (9563622) 7.30 Neighbours (9569429) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (5083142) 8.30 EastEnders (5082413) 9.00 The Bill (5179993) 9.30 Bergerac (7498158) 10.30 Casualty (18416448) 11.35 Going for Gold (62277061) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (5166429) 12.30pm Neighbours (9158974) 1.00 EastEnders (9562993) 1.30 The Bill (9157245) 2.00 The Dawson Watch (4322245) 2.30 Triangle (3870351) 3.00 Knots Landing (6807719) 4.00 Dallas (6713326) 5.00 Every Second Counts (6865887) 5.35 Dick Emery (8883264) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (9475790) 6.30 EastEnders (3852332) 7.00 Cowboys (4326061) 7.30 Father, Dear Father (3868516) 8.00 Morecambe and Wise (5584806) 9.00 Casualty (5421142) 10.00 The Bill (5167156) 10.30 Miami Vice (7575500) 11.30 Top of the Pops (1607790) 12.20am Dr Who (5937678) 12.50 FILM: Across the Wide Missouri (1951) *(83650920) 2.10 Shopping*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (89210) 7.00 Sonic (67500) 7.30 Creepy Crawlers (58535) 8.00 Degrassi Junior High (77852) 8.30 Super Mario (5338806) 8.45 Casper (5386061) *9.00 Sesame Street (21559) 10.00 Tiny TCC* (16121) 12.00 Madeline (87239) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (89023) 2.30 Barney (2846) 3.00 Dinobabies (5871) 3.30 Sonic the Hedgehog (5351) 4.00 California Dreams (1158) 4.30-5.00 Heartbreak High (7142)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (5438806) 7.15 The Magic School Bus (169697) 7.45 Rugrats (158968) 8.15 Doug (246210) 8.45 Nickalive! (3521245) 9.00 Nick Junior (738626) 12.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (49055) 12.30pm Mission Top Secret *(81719) 1.00 School of the Week (31500)* 1.30 Dungeons and Dragons (53790) 2.00 Alvin (7210) 2.30 Guts (4852) 3.00 The Magic School Bus (8245) 3.30 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (6697) 4.00 Alex Mack (1332) 4.30 Rugrats (7516) 5.00 Clarissa (4790) 5.30 Pete and Pete (5968) 6.00 Doug (5581) 6.30-7.00 Odyssey (2061)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Wildside (6711968) 5.00 Mysterious Universe (4248239) 5.30 Mysterious World (3776581) 6.00 Invention (7723448) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (6954210) 7.30 Lifeboat (3866158) 8.00 Mysteries (5582448) 9.00 *The Crater Lions (5499784) 10.00 Skybound* (5085500) 10.30 Invention (5174448) 11.00-12.00 Watching the Detectives (9474784)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM The Veil (1958) (8787974) 2.00pm The Avengers (8602239) 3.00 Robin Hood (4336448) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (3677264) 4.00 FILM A Wild Affair (1965) (77213531) 5.45 Torchy the Battery Boy (7275500) 6.00 Death Valley Days (3873443) 6.30 The Wild Wild West (5873239) 7.30 Robin Hood (3780784) 8.00 The Avengers (5579974) 9.00 Man in a Suitcase (5486210) 10.00 FILM Razorback (1984) (9586974) 11.45-12.00 Muffin the Mule (2242974)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6726448) 7.00 Living *(6626535) 9.00 Gardenwise (3318177)* 9.30 Kato and Allie (6767535) 10.05 Calendar Fashion (6578245) 10.35 Susan Powter (87503332) 11.00 Young and Restless (9511784) 11.55 The Simple Programme (69138351) 12.00 Kilroy (1717622) 12.55pm Far Eastern Cookery (8081210) 1.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (3994055) 2.00 Agony Hour (6867055) 3.00 Living (3543500) 4.00 Infatuation (7311055) 4.30 Crosswits (2324061) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (59794697) 5.30 The Fish Course Challenge (8057041) 6.05 Susan Powter (8947448) 6.30 Esther (8043603) 7.05 Crosswits (5820264) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (3328412) 8.00 Young and *Restless (3988968)* 8.55 The Simple Programme (3147626) 9.00 FILM: Woman on the Ledge (1990) (5726662) 11.00 More Sex Life (3636264) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (6855210)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm *Tintin (2036)* 5.30 Gladiators 2000 (4622) 6.00 My Two Dads (1535) 6.30 Catchphrase (2887) 7.00 The Pyramid Game (7852) 7.30 Road to Avonlea (35806) 8.30 Home to Roost (8535) 9.00 Neon Rider (65968) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (88968) 10.30 Tintin (60516) 11.00 Lou Grant (56448) *12.00 Zorro (47104) 12.30am Rhoda* (56253) 1.00 Trivial Pursuit (24949) 1.30 Rhoda (27524) 2.00 Neon Rider (66185) 3.00 Lou Grant (13630) 4.00 Rhoda (71982) 4.30-5.00 Zorro (80794)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (85494) 6.30 The Grind (21264) 7.00 3 from 1 (7048326) 7.15 Awake on the Wildside (2315332) 8.00 VJ Ingo (853697) 11.00 Soul (64413) 12.00 Greatest Hits (17968) 1.00pm *Afternoon Mix* (98516) 2.00 3 from 1 (19134087) 2.15 Afternoon Mix (3469239) 3.00 Cinematic (1300622) 3.15 Afternoon Mix (3078993) *4.00 MTV News (8222871) 4.15 The* Afternoon Mix (8318622) 4.30 Dial MTV (9500) 5.00 Real World 1 (2974) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (13790) 7.00 Greatest Hits (61142) *8.00 Most Wanted (70516) 9.30 Beavis and* Butthead (18697) 10.00 MTV News (916790) 10.15 Cinematic (911245) 10.30 The Zig and Zag Show (62974) 11.00 Partyzone (12345) *1.00am Soul (40624) 2.00 Videos (7841253)*

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (5227167) 9.00 Café VH-1 (2377546) 12.00 The Bridge (5463351) 1.00pm Mavis Staples (5376271) 2.00 Heart and Soul (3389332) 3.00 Into the Music (2927500) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 (4617719) 6.15 Prime Cuts (7665887) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4144581) 8.00 VH-1 Soul (4233429) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4246993) 10.00 Jonathan Ross (8291061) 10.30 Old Grey Whistle Test (8104581) 11.00 Around and Around (4671023) 12.00 The Nightfly (4073746) 2.00am Ten of the Best (8339104) 3.00 Dawn Patrol

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm A Yank at Eton (1942) (83227448) **9.00 A Yank at Oxford** (1938) (94904500) **11.00 Fingers at the Window** (1942) (55536177) **12.25am Marilyn** (1953) (53213678) **1.40 The Murder Man** (1935) (40020611) **2.55-5.00 Shadow of a Man** (1954) (78039291)

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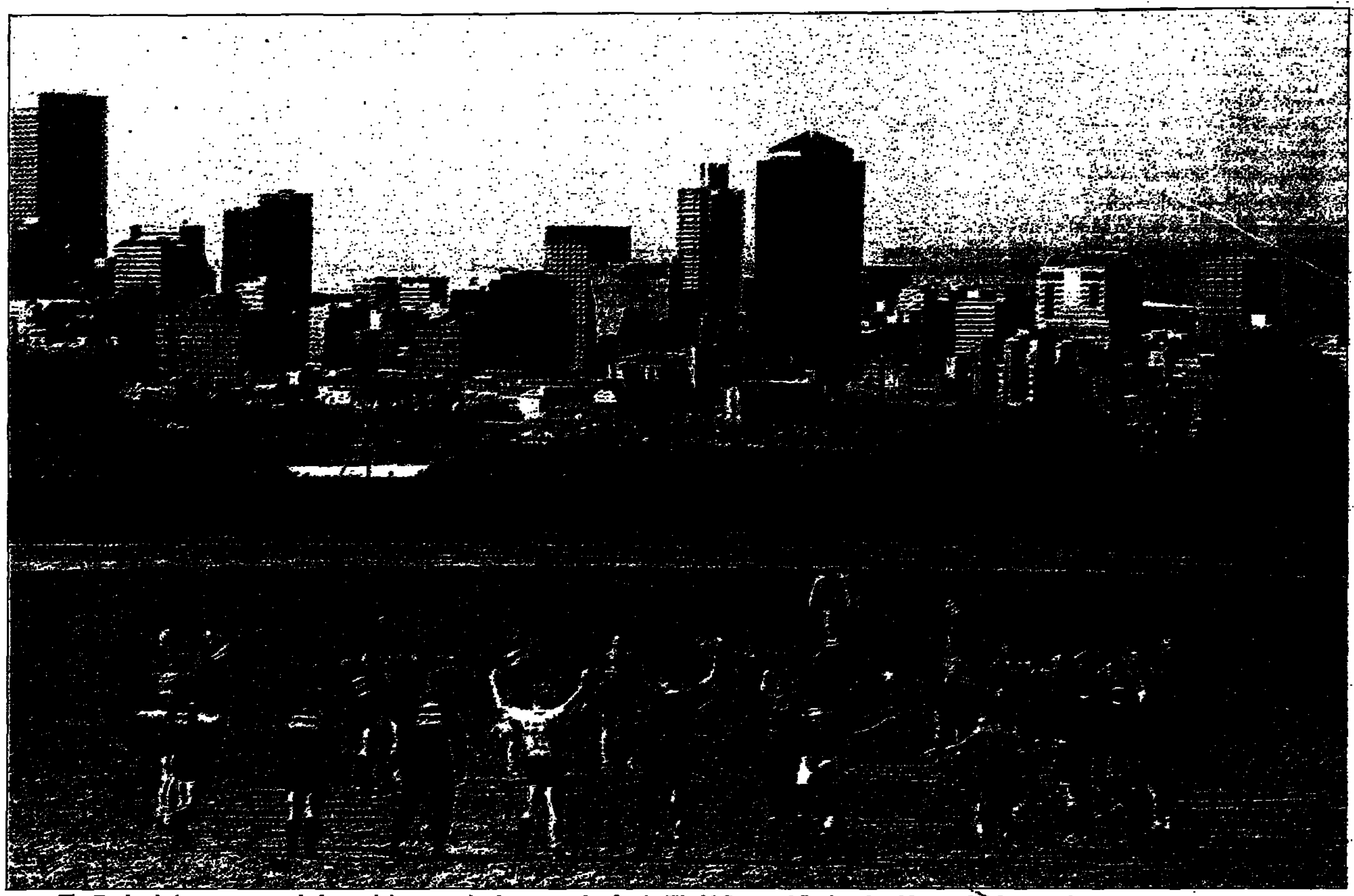
Rowell names unchanged team while New Zealand make minor alterations

England retain the tried and trusted

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
in Cape Town



The England players warm up before training yesterday in preparation for the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand on Sunday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

LAURIE MAINS said yesterday: "The semi-final of a World Cup is no time to be making changes." As a statement it lacks profundity but, given the experimentation in which South Africa will indulge tomorrow against France in Durban, it was an apposite enough remark from the New Zealand coach as he announced his team to play England in the second semi-final here on Sunday.

He could have been speaking for his opposite number, Jack Rowell, too. The England team is predictably unchanged from that which beat Australia in the quarter-final, and Rowell confessed that amendment had not been a serious option. "We have been on an upward curve ever since arriving here and, since meeting Italy, have moved forward excitingly," Rowell added.

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Two of the changes that the All Blacks have made, in fact, cater for players who last Sunday against Scotland were unavailable. Glen Osborne, the North Harbour full back, had turned an ankle and Craig Dowd, the loose-head prop, had flu. They now return, Dowd at the expense of Richard Loe, and Osborne's recovery moving Jeff Wilson to the wing, which means Marc Ellis retreats to the bench. But Mains departs from his own dictum by restoring Mike Brewer to the flank instead of Jamie Joseph.

Ellis has had a profitable World Cup — indeed, he is the tournament's leading try-scorer, with seven (six of which came against Japan) — but Mains has the impressive physique of Jonah Lomu on the left flank and Wilson, the blond Otago youngster, on the right, where he played opposite Rory Underwood when the countries met last, at Twickenham in 1993.

It is an indication of how much change has taken place in the New Zealand team that only seven of that side survive, five of them in the pack. By contrast, England field 11 of the team which won 15-9, including seven of the forwards, the exception being at lock, where Nigel Redman replaced an unfit Martin Bayfield.

"We see New Zealand as a fairly exciting outfit," Rowell said. "It was our intention to hit South Africa running but they certainly did so, playing an expansive game." Indeed, New Zealand have scored 35 tries in four matches, though 21 of those came against the hapless Japanese in the 145-17 victory at Bloemfontein.

Morné du Plessis, the South Africa team manager, has suggested that it is ironic that New Zealand, who play on soft pitches as much as English players do, had produced such an exciting back division. "The All Blacks have prospered on the high veldt and hard grounds," du Plessis said, "but if it is wet in Newlands over the weekend, I think England have the greater margin for error.

"Once England have the ball they are virtually certain to get three points every time. Their game is so structured and they are so well organised that you can almost put money on them getting points from their possession. If it is wet, I think they will have the edge but on a dry day I will put my trust fund on the All Blacks."

The England management has completed its early analysis of New Zealand. In previous matches, it has taken every opportunity to keep up to date with the developments of opponents, not only through video recordings of matches but by watching as many training sessions as possible. That has become less feasible since New Zealand have been based in Pretoria but England will hope to test the qualities of the most recent crop of All Black youngsters.

They will build no expectation on the belief that none of New Zealand's opponents so far — Japan, Ireland, Wales and Scotland — have been able to create consistent pressure. Players like Andrew Mehrtens, Josh Kronfeld and Osborne have answered most of the questions asked of them and Mains sprang to their defence yesterday when it was suggested that mistakes had been made against the Scots.

"We needed to see why they came under pressure and address that first, rather than blame individual players," he said. "People say that, by his goalkicking standards, Mehrtens had a fairly average day against Scotland, but history suggests he won't have two in a row."

While England remain very low-key and deadpan, the New Zealand camp appears distinctly edgy — just as the Australians were reported to be last week. There have been disparaging comments on New Zealand television about England's style, though none of them, it is fair to say, have emanated from the All Blacks, who have expressed admiration for England's achievement in downing the 1991 champions.

Sean Fitzpatrick, their experienced captain, expressed no surprise at that result and Mains added that "England have every right to express confidence in the depth of experience they have in their team, but it's flesh and blood against flesh and blood."

CAPE TOWN TEAMS

ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: J E B Callard (Bath), P R de Glanville (Bath), K P P Bracken (Bristol), S O Ojomoh (Bath), G C Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath).

NEW ZEALAND: G Osborne (North Harbour); J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), W K Little (North Harbour), J Lomu (Counties); A Mehrtens (Canterbury), G T M Bachop (Canterbury); C Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), M R Brewer (Canterbury), I D Jones (North Harbour), R M Brooke (Auckland), J Kronfeld (Otago), Z V Brooke (Auckland). Replacements: M C G Ellis (Otago), S Culhane (Southland), A D Strachan (North Harbour), J W Joseph (Otago) or B P Larsen (North Harbour), R W Loe (Canterbury), N Hewitt (Southland).

Christie returns as mother dies

By Edward Gorman
and David Powell

LINFORD CHRISTIE flew back to London last night without competing at an international athletics meeting in Nuremberg after being told of the death of his mother. Mabel Christie, who was 65 and had a stroke four years ago, had been in intensive care for four days at the Hammersmith Hospital in west London.

Ron Rodden, Christie's coach, announced his withdrawal from the meeting, but would not comment further. It is understood that the hospital was asked by Christie's family not to give any more details about his mother's illness.

Her death comes after a particularly difficult and emotional few days for Christie, which began on Monday night when he attacked media coverage of his career during a volatile appearance on Carlton's *Sport in Question* television programme and announced that he would be retiring at the end of this season. Then, on Wednesday, as he left Heathrow for Nuremberg, he confronted a photographer whom he believed was harassing him and told him: "I do not want to see any bloodshed on this airport, but if you want some . . ."

Verona Elder, the Great Britain athletics team manager, said last night that his mother's illness may well have influenced Christie's behaviour over the last few days. She said that it was too early to say whether Christie would pull out of the European Cup meeting at Lille in France in ten days' time, when he was due to run the 100 and 200 metres as team captain, but she again underlined her view that the world and Olympic champion still has a lot more top-class running in him and that she hopes he will change his mind about his retirement.

Colin Jackson's long unbeaten 110 metres hurdles run came to an end in Nuremberg. Only hours after Christie pulled out of the meeting, Jackson lost for the first time outdoors in 31 races and admitted that the news about Christie's mother had also affected him. Jackson, who finished third behind Florian Schwarthoff and Mike Fenner, of Germany, said: "I was with Linford when he took the call. It was very sad. When a close friend hears news like that, it's bound to get to you too."

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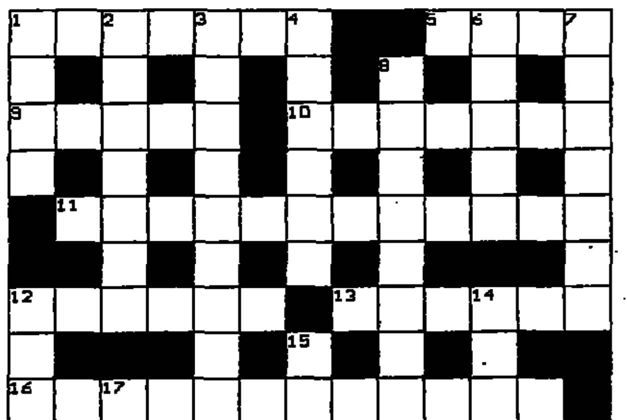

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ACROSS
- 1 Fiasco (7)
- 5 Falling flakes (4)
- 9 Buzzing mass . . . (5)
- 10 . . . their direct path (7)
- 11 Glowing with heat (12)
- 12 Recliner for one's waking hours (3,3)
- 13 Sieve; puzzle (6)
- 16 Cromwell's reformed force (3,5,4)
- 19 Andrew —, Restoration poet (7)
- 20 Number of magazine (5)
- 21 Grind with teeth (4)
- 22 A woodpecker; twisted-head condition (7)

DOWN
- 1 Food container; the food (4)
- 2 Flattery, cajolery (7)
- 3 Exchange views (7,5)
- 4 Be a living example of (6)
- 6 Unsophisticated (5)
- 7 To fight, without punching; struggle (7)
- 8 Acute discernment (12)
- 12 Of the forces of motion (7)
- 14 Land round manor (7)
- 15 Bloke; governing body member (6)
- 17 Less good (5)
- 18 Incidental benefit: make (coffee) (4)

Solution to Concise Crossword 496 will appear on Wednesday, June 21.

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Wayward approach play proves costly for Faldo

From John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent, in Southampton, New York

AN OPENING 72, two over par, by Nick Faldo was a disappointing start to the US Open for a man who had looked so confident in practice and was being widely tipped to win on a course which, because of its British characteristics, should have suited him down to the ground. Faldo is two behind Tom Watson, a playing partner, and three behind Jeff Maggert and Fuzzy Zoeller, the 1984 champion.

Mark Roe, of Britain, making his first appearance in the event, started with a creditable round of 71.

Maggert and Watson both played well on what is one of the most difficult championship courses in the United States but, as the day wore on, they and everyone else were overshadowed by a startling performance by Nick Price.

The Open champion missed a six-foot putt on the last green that would have given him a third successive birdie and enabled him to equal the course record. As it was, his 66 gave him a commanding lead with about half the field still to finish.

It was a perfect summer's day when Faldo teed off, barely a cloud in the sky with the entire course being ruffled by a gentle wind. Faldo looked relaxed at the start, talking with Bruce Edwards, Tom Watson's caddie, and joking with Fred Couples.

The fairways at Shinnecock Hills are wider than at most courses used for the US Open and by using an iron from the tee, Faldo found them more often than not. It was reaching the greens that caused him problems. On only four of the first 12 holes was he on the putting surface in the required number of strokes. On the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, he either misjudged or mishit his irons to the green.

On the 9th he had to play from a bunker 12 feet below the green. On the 10th his second, which looked as though it was hit rather heavily, caught the front of the green but then toppled back like a man losing his balance and dribbled 50 yards down the fairway.

Faldo saved par with an exquisite bunker shot and a six-foot putt on the 11th only to hit a thin-looking long iron that tailed away to the right on the next. He had to play his third shot with his feet in the sand and the ball level with his knees. Although his second reached the green on the 13th, he did not hit it cleanly and it was followed by one of those typical Faldo gestures — shoulders slumped, head down, he remained statuesque for 30 seconds.

EARLY SCORES

US unless stated
68: N Price (Zim).
69: J Maggert, F Zoeller.
70: G Hallberg, J Haas, V Singh (Fiji), J Cook, T Watson, C Byrum, *C Tidland.
71: S Stricker, T Tryba, D Quigley, O Uresti, B Bryant, J Gallagher, J Daly, B Britton, M Brisky
72: D Martin, M McNulty (Zim), F Nobilo (NZ), D Love III, C Pavin, N Faldo (GB), I Woosnam (GB), B Crenshaw.
73: B R Brown, B McCallister, E Romero (Arg), P Goydos, R Porter, E Meeks.
74: B Vaughan, A Magee, D Gilford (GB), P Stewart, B Langer (Ger), E Els (SA), *T Woods.
75: M Standly, M Springer.
76: F Funk, M San Filippo, R Fehr, J Chaffee, K Mitchum.
77: F Allem (SA), P Moore, F Couples.
* denotes amateur

Watson's iron play, by contrast, was magnificent and his level par round was hardly a fair reward. On the 5th, 6th and 10th, for example, he was not only the longest from the tee but also the closest to the hole. And if Couples had been as good from tee to green as he was when he had his putter in his hands, he would have gone round in far fewer than 77. He had three successive birdies starting at the 6th; he also had three sixes coming home. Frankly, he did not look as though he cared.

The first day of a US Open always unearths one or two players who come from nowhere and take their place in the spotlight, albeit briefly.

Yesterday it was Mike Brisky, who stood one under par for 17 holes and at that stage shared the lead with Maggert. This fleeting experience of fame proved rather too much for the little-known, 30-year-old American professional, who has missed the cut in ten of the 14 tournaments he has entered this year.

He took six at the 18th and that was probably the last we shall hear of him.

Unlike Faldo, Bernhard Langer played here in 1986 and tied for eighth place. The good news is that his 74 yesterday was the same as his first round then; the bad news was that he reeled off the course declaring the inward nine to be the toughest he had played.

"Seventy-two is by no means a bad score," Faldo said, after he had signed his card. "I hit too many bad iron shots. I shall get some grub, fuel the engine and then I'm off to the driving range to see if I can sort something out."

Derby give Smith his eighth job as manager

By Our Sports Staff

JIM SMITH last night took control of his eighth League club during a 23-year managerial career when he was handed the task of steering Derby County into the FA Carling Premiership. He succeeds Roy McFarland, who left the Baseball Ground at the end of April when his contract was not renewed.

Smith has previously been in charge at Colchester United, Blackburn Rovers, Birmingham City, Oxford United, Queens Park Rangers, Newcastle United and Portsmouth. The 54-year-old has given up his job as chief executive of the Football League Managers' Association to go to Derby.

The new Sheffield Wednesday manager, David Pleat, yesterday offered Chris Waddle the job of player-coach at Hillsborough. Waddle, a Wednesday player, will decide on the proposal when he returns from holiday.

Charlton Athletic yesterday appointed Alan Curbishley as the club's manager, releasing Steve Gritt, who had been in joint charge with Curbishley.

Paul Ince is expected to complete his £7 million transfer from Manchester United to Internazionale of Milan next week. Unspecified personal matters have delayed the deal, although financial arrangements have been agreed.

The Liverpool manager, Roy Evans, yesterday spoke to Stan Collymore, the Nottingham Forest striker, about a possible £8.5 million move to Anfield. Everton spoke to the player on Wednesday.

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